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In more ways than one, the epic that is DC Comics' *Millennium* series has its roots in their earlier 12-part maxi-series, *Crisis on Infinite Earths*, published in 1985.

Crisis, written by Marv Wolfman and penciled by George Perez, was the first series to group virtually all of DC's burgeoning cast of characters in one story, and the first to boast a plethora of "cross-overs" into other ongoing titles. We indexed the series itself in *Crisis on Infinite Earths Index* and the cross-over issues in *Crisis on Infinite Earths Crossover Index*.

Once *Crisis* had proven the popularity of such a series with readers, DC followed it in 1986 with *Legends* and its attendant cross-overs. Where *Crisis on Infinite Earths* had amalgamated and simplified the various worlds in the DC cosmos, *Legends*, a 6-part series plotted and scripted by John Ostrander and Len Wein and penciled by John Byrne, concentrated on a less complicated adventure, teaming only the major heroes who inhabited the new, unified DC Universe. *Legends* also served to launch the new *Flash*, *Justice League*, and *Suicide Squad* titles. A *Legends Index* was prepared, but various problems prevented its publication last year. It is our hope that the material will eventually see print in another of our forthcoming Indexes.

In 1987, *Millennium* appeared, as the third annual DC company-wide team-up title. In this 8-part series, writer Steve Englehart and artist Joe Staton took on the task of expanding the boundaries of the DC Universe, while again featuring a large, if not all-encompassing, roster of DC's heroes and heroines. As the creative team behind the success of the *Green Lantern Corps* title, Englehart and Staton derived the basis of *Millennium*'s storyline from developments in that series which had in turn grown from the climax of *Crisis*. *Millennium* also broke new ground as DC's first weekly title. We now follow suit with the weekly publication of the two-issue *Millennium Index*.

The story of *Millennium* may be easily followed by reading the full plot synopses included in our coverage of each issue of the series and its 37 cross-overs in other DC titles. Since the cross-over tales are so highly integated into the tightly-woven skein of the weekly *Millennium* title itself, they are indexed here in the order which they appeared, rather than separately, as with the *Crisis* cross-overs, and each issue is indexed in full, as it will eventually appear in the separate indexes to be devoted to the individual series. To avoid confusion, Feature Characters are listed even for titles with solo stars, and a detailed chronology of their movements from one title to another is provided.

Millennium is the saga of the reappearance of the Guardians, creators of the legendary Green Lantern Corps, and their female counterparts, the Zamarons, following their voluntary withdrawal from the DC Universe, as seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #200. One Guardian, Herupa Hando Hu, and one Zamaron, Nadia Safir, return from their cosmic retreat to set in motion events that will lead to the emergence of the next race of immortals who, it had been foretold, will appear on the planet Earth. Thus, Herupa and Nadia are the first and foremost of the main or Feature Characters in *Millennium*.

The series' other Feature Characters are the ten ordinary men and women whom the Oans select to participate in the Millennium Project, collectively known as the Chosen. Some are old and familiar DC characters, while most are entirely new personalities. Not all survive the cataclysmic events that follow their candidacy, but those who do take on new powers and new identities, and will be featured in their own new series by Englehart and Staton, which is scheduled to debut later this year.

The villains of *Millennium* are the Guardians' age-old foes, the Manhunters. Their origins and those of the Guardians themselves are showcased as part of the series in the two *Secret Origins* cross-over issues. The Manhunters represent the Guardians' first, flawed attempt to create what later became the Green Lantern Corps, an organization of agents deployed throughout the galaxies to enforce order and combat evil. The Manhunters, who are uniformed, virtually immortal androids, turned against their creators and, after their initial defeat by the Guardians

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billions of years ago, survived as a fanatical underground cult on various worlds, dedicated to opposing their former mentors. As such, they will do anything to prevent the Millennium Project from reaching fruition.

The Manhunters' credo is "No man escapes the Manhunters!" Their most insidious means of achieving this goal is their ability to infiltrate anywhere, disguised as ordinary inhabitants of any world on which they find themselves. On Earth, the androids have had almost a thousand years in which to mingle unnoticed among the human race. Over the last few decades in particular, they have carefully placed their "sleeper" agents in strategic positions close to various of Earth's costumed champions known as super-heroes. (A "sleeper" is an espionage term for a secret double agent placed in the enemy camp under "deep cover", who will act as an ordinary citizen until "activated" by his superiors years, or even decades, later.) Thus, also among the villains of this series are many more familiar DC characters, supposedly the long-time friends and associates of the heroes, who are actually members of the Manhunter organization.

THE CAST OF MILLENNIUM

The following characters appear in the eight issues of *Millennium* and/or in its thirty-seven official cross-overs into issues of *Action Comics*, *The Adventures of Superman*, *Batman*, *Blue Beetle*, *Booster Gold*, *Captain Atom*, *Detective Comics*, *Firestorm* (second series), *Flash* (second series), *Green Lantern Corps*, *Infinity, Inc.*, *Justice League International*, *Legion of Super-Heroes* (third series), *The Outsiders*, *Secret Origins* (second series), *The Spectre* (second series), *Suicide Squad*, *Superman* (second series), *Teen Titans Spotlight*, *Wonder Woman* (second series), and *The Young All-Stars*. Dozens of other characters appear in supporting and cameo roles throughout the series. This is merely intended as a brief guide to the major players and to the groups to which they belong.

THE GUARDIAN

Herupa Hando Hu of planet Oa (formerly of planet Maltus)

THE ZAMARON

Nadia Safir of planet Zamaron (formerly of planet Maltus)

THE CHOSEN (in order of their appearance)

Thomas Kalmaku of Los Angeles, U.S.A.

The longtime friend and confidant of Hal (Green Lantern) Jordan, Tom, nicknamed "Pieface", first appeared in *Green Lantern* (second series) #2, September-October 1960.

Floronic Man (Jason Woodrue, aka Plant-Master) of Arkham Asylum, U.S.A.

An exile from the extradimensional world of Floria and foe of Ray (Atom) Palmer, Jason Woodrue first appeared in *The Atom* #1, June-July 1962.

Betty Clawman of Ayers Rock, Australia

Takeo Yakata of Tokyo, Japan

Xiang Po of Shanghai, China

Nikolai Latikov of Krasnojarsk, U.S.S.R.

Celia Windward of Birmingham, U.K.

Salima Baranizar of Qom, Iran

Janwillem Kroef of Pretoria, South Africa

Gregorio de la Vega of Trujillo, Peru

(all first appeared in *Millennium* #2)

THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS

Hal Jordan, Guy Gardner (see also JLI), **John Stewart, Katma Tui Stewart, Arisia, Kilowog, Driq,** and **Gnort**

INFINITY, INC.

Skyman, Nuklon, Jade, Obsidian, Brainwave, Hourman II, Dr. Midnight, Wildcat II, and their ally, **Mr. Bones**

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL

Batman (see also Outsiders), **Martian Manhunter, Black Canary, Guy Gardner** (see also GLC), **Blue Beetle, Mr. Miracle, Booster Gold, Captain Atom, Rocket Red #7** (see also Manhunters), and **Dr. Fate II**

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA (former members not listed elsewhere)

Superman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES

Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Shrinking Violet, Sun Boy, Element Lad, Dream Girl, Shadow Lass, Timber Wolf, Invisible Kid II, Polar Boy, and **Tellus**

THE OUTSIDERS

Batman (see also JLI), **Metamorpho, Black Lightning, Geo-Force, Katana, Halo, Looker, Windfall,** and **Atomic Knight**

THE SUICIDE SQUAD

Colonel Rick Flag, Karin Grace, Bronze Tiger, Deadshot, Captain Boomerang, Enchantress, Slipknot, and **Privateer** (see also Former Manhunters)

THE TEEN TITANS

Flash III, Aqualad, and **Starfire**

THE YOUNG ALL-STARS

Iron Munro, Flying Fox, Fury, Dyna-Mite, Neptune Perkins, Tsunami, and **Tigress**

UNAFFILIATED HEROES

Harbinger, Madame Xanadu, Spectre, and **Wonder Woman**

FORMER MANHUNTERS (heroes given their identities by the Manhunters)

Manhunter I (Dan Richards), **Manhunter II** (Paul Kirk), and **Manhunter IV** (Mark Shaw, aka Privateer and Star-Tsar; see also Suicide Squad)

THE MANHUNTERS

The Highmaster (leader of the Manhunters on planet Orinda)

The Grandmaster (leader of the Manhunters on planet Earth)

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Besides their leaders, the countless costumed Manhunters, and various unnamed agents, the following characters are revealed to be Manhunters or Manhunter agents, or to have been replaced by Manhunters:

An Atlantean warrior (a citizen of Poseidonis, former home of Aquaman)

Mary Frances Cassidy (Dan (Blue Devil) Cassidy's sister)

Dirk Davis (Booster Gold's public relations manager)

Doiby Dickles (Alan (Green Lantern) Scott's friend)

Bernard Ferguson (Police Chief of Pittsburgh, hometown of Firestorm)

James Gordon (Police Commissioner of Gotham City, hometown of Batman) Manhunter Android

Karin Grace (a member of the Suicide Squad)

Harry Hadley (a military scientist assigned to the Captain Atom Project)

Harlequin III (Marcie Cooper; Dan (Manhunter) Richards's granddaughter and Todd (Obsidian) Rice's girlfriend)

Ms. Hunter (a New Orleans security officer and foe of Hawkman and Hawkwoman)

Helga Jace (a Markovian scientist and ally of the Outsiders)

Laurel Kent (a Legion Academy student and supposed descendant of Superman)

Lana Lang (Superman's boyhood friend)

Liu (James Gordon's fellow Naval Intelligence agent)

Mr. Niederman (Tawny Young's TV station manager)

Overthrow (Arnold Beck, a costumed terrorist and foe of Blue Beetle)

Pan (an Olympian god) Manhunter Android

Nancy Reagan (wife of the U.S. President)

Rocket Red #7 (a Soviet super-hero and JLI member)

Mark Shaw (a former Manhunter)

Mr. Smith (head of Ferris Aircraft Company, Hal (Green Lantern) Jordan's and Tom Kalmaku's employer)

Thor (Dan (Manhunter) Richards's dog)

Rudolf West (Wally (Flash) West's father)

Dr. Wetson (a doctor at Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane)

Dr. G. I. Whitney (a Smallville pediatrician)

Ms. Wootenhoffer (Maxwell Lord's secretary)

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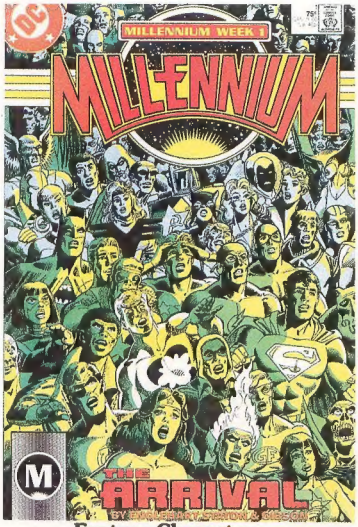
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Over" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciller: **Joe Staton** (layouts)
Inker: **Ian Gibson** (finished art)
Letterer: **Bob Lappan**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**



Feature Characters

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (both last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #200)

Tom Kalmaku (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #219)

Guest Stars

Aquaman (last seen in *Aquaman* (second series) #4; appears next in *Teen Titans Spotlight* #18)

Arisia, John Stewart, and **Kilowog** (all last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #219)

Batman (last seen in *Justice League International* #8; appears in *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 2, between pages 14 and 15 of this story; appears next in *Justice League International* #9)

Black Canary and **Blue Beetle** (both last seen in *Justice League International* #8; both appear in *Flash* (second series) #8, page 8, between pages 13 and 14 of this story; both appear next in *Justice League International* #9)

Black Lightning (last seen in *The Outsiders* #26; appears in *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 2, between pages 14 and 15 of this story; appears next in *The Outsiders* #27)

Booster Gold, Captain Atom, Guy Gardner, Martian Manhunter, Mr. Miracle, Oberon, and **Rocket Red #7** (revealed as a Manhunter in this story; all in between *Justice League International* #8 and #9)

Dr. Fate II (last seen in *Booster Gold* #22; appears next in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Firestorm (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 8; appearance on pages 14 through 20 same as *Firestorm* (second series)

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#67, pages 1, 2, and 6, page 9, panels 1 through 4, page 13, panels 1 through 3; appearance on pages 21 and 22 same as *Firestorm* (second series) #67, pages 14 and 15; appears next in *Firestorm* (second series #67, page 14)

Flash III (last seen in *Flash* (second series) #8, page 8, panel 5; appearance on page 6, panel 5 same as *Flash* (second series) #8, page 4, panel 2; appearance on page 16, panel 3 through page 20, panel 4 same as *Flash* (second series) #8, page 8, panel 5 through page 9; appears next in *Flash* (second series) #8, page 10)

Geo-Force, Katana, Looker, and **Metamorpho** (all in between *The Outsiders* #26 and #27)

Green Arrow (last chronological appearance in *Green Arrow* (second series) #4; appears next, behind the scenes, in issue #3)

Hal Jordan (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #219; appears in *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 6, between pages 14 and 15 of this story)

Halo (last seen in *The Outsiders* #26; appears in *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 13, panels 1 through 3; appearance on pages 21 and 22 same as *Firestorm* (second series) #67, pages 14 and 15; appears next in *The Outsiders* #27)

Harbinger (last name, Michaels, revealed in this story; last seen in *History of the DC Universe* #2)

Hawkman and **Hawkwoman** (both last seen in *Hawkman* (second series) #17; both appear next in issue #5)

Hourman II and **Skyman** (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #44; both appear next in issue #3)

Jade, Mr. Bones, Obsidian, and **Wildcat II** (all last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #45; all appear next in issue #3)

Katma Tui Stewart (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #219; appears next in *Firestorm* (second series) #67)

Superman (last seen in *Action Comics* #595; appears next in *Superman* (second series) #13)

Wonder Woman (last seen in *Wonder Woman* (second series) #12, page 20, panel 2; appears on page 21 in between *Wonder Woman* (second series) #12, page 20, panels 2 and 3; appears on page 22 following *Wonder Woman* (second series) #12, page 20, panel 7; appears next in issue #3)

Villains

The Grandmaster (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; next chronological appearance in issue #3)

The Manhunters (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; some appear next in *Teen Titans Spotlight* #18; others appear next in issue #3)

Lana Lang (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22)

Mr. Smith (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Mary Frances Cassidy (middle name misspelled "Francis" in this story; last seen in *Blue Devil* #31; appears next in issue #3)

Overthrow (last seen in *Blue Beetle* #17)

Harry Hadley (last seen in *Captain Atom* #10; appears next in issue #3)

Dirk Davis (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; appears next in issue #3)

Marcie Cooper (in between *Infinity, Inc.* #43 and #46)

Helga Jace (in between *The Outsiders* #26 and #27)

Rudolf West (last seen in *Flash* (second series) #5; appearance on pages 21 and 22 same as *Flash* (second series) #8, pages 10 and 11; appears next in *Flash* (second series) #8)

A Manhunter with a punk haircut (first appearance; hair miscolored orange and skin miscolored brown in this story; appears next in issue #4)

A bearded Manhunter (first appearance; appears next in issue #4)

Pan's Manhunter replacement (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; appears in *Wonder Woman* (second series) #11 following page 6 of this story; appears on page 21 following *Wonder Woman* (second series) #12, page 20, panel 2; appears on page 22 following *Wonder Woman* (second series) #12, page 20, panel 7; appears next in issue #7)

Ms. Hunter (last seen in *Hawkman* (second series) #17; appears next in issue #3)

Bernard Ferguson (last seen in *Firestorm Annual* #5; appearance on pages 21 and 22 same as *Firestorm* (second series) #67, page 14; appears next in *Firestorm* (second series) #67)

An Atlantean of Poseidonis (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Teen Titans Spotlight* #18) and **unnamed others** (first and only appearance of some to date; together with the above fourteen characters, revealed as Manhunter "sleeper" agents in this story)

Commissioner Gordon's Manhunter replacement (first appearance; behind the scenes only; next chronological appearance in flashback in *Detective Comics* #582)

Laurel Kent (earliest chronological appearance; behind the scenes only)

Dr. G. I. Whitney's Manhunter replacement (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Action Comics* #595; behind the scenes only; appears next in *The Adventures of Superman* #436)

Karin Grace (last seen in *Suicide Squad* #8; behind the scenes only; appears next in issue #4)

Mark Shaw's Manhunter replacement (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Suicide Squad* #9; behind the scenes only; appears next in *Suicide Squad* #9)

Ms. Wootenhoffer (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Justice League* #2; behind the scenes only; appears next in *Justice League International* #9)

Mr. Niederman (first appearance; Tawny Young's station manager; behind the scenes only; appears next in issue #3)

Liu (a code name; real name not revealed; first appearance; a U.S. Naval Intelligence agent; behind the scenes only; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Dr. Wetson (first appearance; an Arkham Asylum

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doctor; behind the scenes only; next chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

A KGB agent (first appearance; behind the scenes only; appears next in issue #3)

An unnamed Manhunter agent (first appearance; behind the scenes only; Harry Hadley's contact; appears next in issue #3)

Nancy Reagan (last seen in *The Adventures of Superman* #431; behind the scenes only; together with the above eleven characters, all behind the scenes as additional Manhunter agents; appears next in issue #3)

A group of costumed criminals (first and only appearance to date)

Gregor Gregorivch (appearance same as *Flash* (second series) #8, page 4, panel 2)

Other Characters

An American newsboy, a Chinese father, mother, and **baby, American** and **Soviet politicians, prostitutes** and **their prospective customers, two beachgoers,** and **denizens of a Paris nightclub** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

The Guardians of the Universe and **the Zamarons** (in flashback)

A Manhunter and **various Green Lanterns** (in flashback)

The Green Lantern Corps (including Ch'p; in flashback to *Green Lantern* (second series) #200)

Monitor (in flashback)

Comments

This is the first issue of an eight-issue maxi-series, with 37 crossovers into other DC titles.

The group of Manhunter sleeper agents assembled on pages 2 through 4 of this story should include those agents whose identities are not revealed in this story, as listed above, since it is presumably a meeting of all Manhunters on Earth and their agents. As later revealed, some "agents" are actual Manhunters themselves, and thus are androids, others are robots or androids constructed by the Manhunters, others are human converts to the Manhunter cause, and still others are brainwashed pawns. The group also includes several agents whose identities have yet to be revealed, including a young red-haired woman (besides Lana Lang), a person wearing a coat over a bodysuit (possibly Helga Jace), and a short black woman.

Among the known Manhunter agents not in attendance at the meeting are Pete Ross and most of the population of Smallville under the age of thirty. Since it would arouse suspicion for so many people from the same small Kansas town to travel to California at the same time, Lana Lang attends as a representative of the area. Dr. Whitney's Manhunter replacement, as the only actual android Manhunter in Smallville, is presumed to be present as well.

It should be noted that, unlike the heroes who attended the meeting at the Green Lantern Citadel in this story, Wonder Woman does not immediately discover that her Manhunter contact, a replacement for the Olympian Pan, is indeed a Manhunter.

Synopsis

As a preordained moment in cosmic history approaches, two special groups meet on the planet Earth.

In Manhattan Beach, California, the Manhunters, the renegade androids who were the predecessors of the Green Lantern Corps as agents of the Guardians of the Universe, call a meeting of the "sleeper" agents they had planted on Earth years earlier. Many of these agents have been assigned to keep watch on Earth's costumed superheroes. Among them are Mr. Smith of Ferris Aircraft, the employer of Hal (Green Lantern) Jordan, Lana Lang, the childhood friend of Clark (Superman) Kent, Mary Frances Cassidy, the sister of Dan (Blue Devil) Cassidy, Harry Hadley, a military scientist assigned to the Captain Atom Project, Dirk Davis, Booster Gold's manager, Marcie Cooper, Todd (Obsidian) Rice's girlfriend, Overthrow, a costumed foe of the Blue Beetle, and Rudolf West, the father of Wally (Flash) West. Having followed Mr. Smith, Green Lantern's friend Thomas Kalmaku spies on the group, until he is discovered and beaten unconscious by a trio of Manhunters. Tom narrowly escapes death when they leave his battered body on an aiport runway in the path of an approaching 747.

At the Green Lantern Citadel in Santa Monica, the five Corps members stationed on Earth are startled as Herupa Hando Hu, one of the Guardians of the Universe, and Nadia Safir, one of the Zamarons, suddenly appear before them. This is the first time that any Oans have been seen since the forty-four who survived the Crisis on Infinite Earths vanished from the known universe months earlier. The Guardian and the Zamaron declare that they have come to Earth seeking certain humans they refer to as the Chosen, whom they will transform into immortals and who must be protected from their enemies, the Manhunters, who will seek to murder them. To protect the Chosen, the Green Lanterns summon the rest of Earth's super-heroes: the Justice League International, the Outsiders, Infinity Inc., Hawkman and Hawkwoman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Firestorm, Flash, and Superman. Herupa and Nadia explain the origins of the Guardians and the Zamarons to the assembled heroes, and tell how the Guardians created first the Manhunters, then the Green Lantern Corps, and finally how both sexes of Oans left the universe behind. For their own part, the two Oans have decided to return to Earth to precipitate the emergence of the next race of immortals by choosing ten people to "propel toward the future".

Dismayed to discover that one of the Chosen, the Teen Titans member Terra, has died, the two immortals consult. The heroes discuss the aliens' proposal but come to no agreement, until Superman unites them in purpose, and they disperse. Returning to their home bases, they are stunned to discover agents of the Manhunters already in their midst: the new JLI member Rocket Red #7, Firestorm's Pittsburgh police contact Chief Ferguson, the Outsiders' scientist friend Dr. Jace, Flash's father Rudolf West, and on Wonder Woman's Paradise Island, the Olympian god Pan.

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Flash (second series) #8
January 1988

Cover Credits

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Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Purple Haze" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Mike Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Mike Baron**
Penciller: **Jackson Guice**
Inker: **Larry Mahlstedt**
Letterer: **Steve Haynie**
Colorist: **Michele Wolfman**

Feature Character

Flash III (appearance on page 4, panel 2 same as *Millennium* #1, page 8, panel 5; appearance on page 8, panel 5 through page 9 same as *Millennium* #1, page 16, panel 3 through page 20, panel 4; appears next in *Millennium* #3)

Guest Stars

Aquaman, Arisia, Batman, Black Lightning, Booster Gold, Captain Atom, Dr. Fate II, Firestorm, Geo-Force, Guy Gardner, Hal Jordan, Halo, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Herupa Hando Hu, Katana, Kilowog, Looker, Martian Manhunter, Mr. Bones, Mr. Miracle, Nadia Safir, Oberon, Obsidian, Rocket Red #7, Superman, and **Wildcat II** (appearances same as *Millennium* #1)

Black Canary and **Blue Beetle** (appearances on page 8 in between *Millennium* #1, pages 13 and 14; otherwise appearances same as *Millennium* #1)

Green Arrow, Hourman II, Jade, John Stewart, Katma Tui Stewart, Metamorpho, and **Skyman** (all behind the scenes, as revealed in *Millennium* #1)

Supporting Characters

Tina McGee

Mary West (last seen in *The New Teen Titans* (second series) #6)

Villains

Rudolf West (last seen in *Millennium* #1; appearance on pages 10 and 11 same as *Millennium* #1, pages 21 and 22)

Blue Trinity (Boleslav Uminski, Gregor Gregorovich, and **Christina**; real names revealed in this story)

Other Characters

Red Trinity (Anatole and **Bebeck** appear next in issue #13)

Pytor Orloff

Conrad Bortz (appears next, behind the scenes, in issue #12)

Finnish Border Police (first and only appearance to date)

Two Middle Hampton police officers (first appearance)

Synopsis

On the Soviet-Finnish border, Flash and Red Trinity face off against the Russian speedsters' predecessors, Blue Trinity. When a Finnish border patrol arrives, Blue Trinity retreats, and Dr. Bortz, Dr. Orloff, and Tina McGee are able to fly the exhausted Flash and Red Trinity to America.

Flash wakes up to find himself at the Green Lantern Citadel in California, having been flown there at the request of the Justice League. He and the assembled super-heroes listen as a Guardian of the Universe and a Zamaron explain their mission to protect the ten humans called the Chosen from the robotic Manhunters (as seen in *Millennium* #1).

Flash then returns home, where his father reveals himself as a Manhunter agent and asserts that his wife, Wally's mother, has been killed in a boating accident. Then, at Mr. West's command, Blue Trinity appears and beats Flash into submission. Before they can depart with their captive, however, Red Trinity arrives and routs their counterparts, who depart with Mr. West.

Shortly, the police arrive to investigate the battle, which has wrecked much of Wally West's house, and inform Wally that his mother is alive and has been trying to contact him. When he calls her at a hospital in Miami, she informs him that his father is dead.

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Firestorm (second series) #67
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **Mark Bright** (penciller) and **Dick Giordano** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Dialogues" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Denny O'Neil**
Plotter, scripter: **John Ostrander**
Penciller: **J. J. Birch**
Inker: **Sam De La Rosa**
Letterer: **Janice Chiang**
Colorist: **Nansi Hoolahan**

Feature Character

Firestorm (appears in *Millennium* #1 following flashback in this story; appearance on pages 1, 2, and 6, page 9, panels 1 through 4, page 13, panels 1 through 3 same as *Millennium* #1, pages 14 through 20; appearance on pages 14 and 15 same as *Millennium* #1, pages 21 and 22; appears next in *Millennium* #4)

Guest Stars

Arisia, Blue Beetle, Dr. Fate II, Flash III, Guy Gardner, Herupa Handa Hu, Katana, Kilowog, Looker, Martian Manhunter, Metamorpho, Mr. Miracle, Nadia Safir, and **Superman** (appearances same as *Millennium* #1)

Batman and Black Lightning (both appear on page 2 in between *Millennium* #1, pages 14 and 15; otherwise appearances same as *Millennium* #1)

Hal Jordan (appears on page 8 in between *Millennium* #1, pages 14 and 15; otherwise appearance same as *Millennium* #1)

Halo (appears on page 13 in between *Millennium* #1, page 20, panels 4 and 5)

Katma Tui Stewart (in between *Millennium* #1 and #2)

Aquaman, Black Canary, Booster Gold, Captain Atom, Geo-Force, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Hourman II, Jade, John Stewart, Metamorpho, Mr. Bones, Obsidian, Rocket Red #7, Skyman, and **Wildcat II** (all behind the scenes, as revealed in *Millennium* #1)

Supporting Characters

Ronald Raymond and **Mikhail Arkadin**

Ed Raymond and **Felicity Raymond** (both appear next in issue #69)

Villains

Bernard Ferguson (last seen in *Millennium* #1; appearance on page 14 same as *Millennium* #1, pages 21 and 22; appears next in *Millennium* #4)

Stalnoivolk (Ivan Illyich Gort; codename translated as **Steelwolf**; first appearance; appears next in *Doom Patrol and Suicide Squad Special* #1)

Major Zastrow (appears next in *Doom Patrol and Suicide Squad Special* #1) and **his aide** (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Salakk (his skin miscolored white; see Comment below)

Comment

Salakk is mistakenly depicted as present at the meeting of super-heroes at the Green Lantern Citadel in this story.

Synopsis

As Firestorm attends the conference of Earth's super-heroes taking place at the Green Lantern Citadel to discuss the Millennium Project, his alter ego Ronnie Raymond struggles within him to assert his own identity. He recalls how he was transformed into Firestorm against his will before the eyes of his parents when Green Lantern's summons reached him. He then succeeds in making mental contact with Mikhail Arkadin, who is now the other unconscious half of the Firestorm matrix, but they cannot communicate with the Firestorm persona itself.

The meeting ended, Firestorm returns to Professor Stein's office, where he encounters Police Chief Ferguson, who reveals himself as an agent of the Manhunters. Realizing that Firestorm has no memory of his existence prior to the recent nuclear accident in the desert which

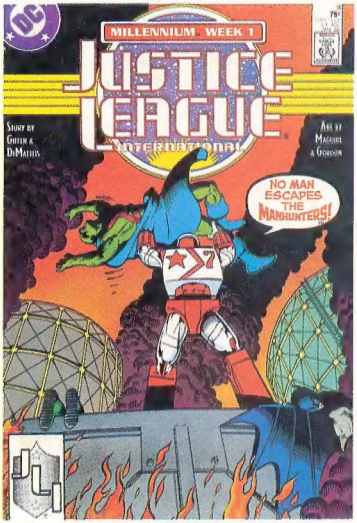
transformed him, Ferguson dupes him into believing that he is a creation of the Manhunters, and promises to restore his lost memories if he will aid the Manhunters' cause.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Siberia, Zastrow is sent to recruit Stalnoivolk, a former Soviet super-agent, to use against Firestorm.

Justice League International #9
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **Kevin Maguire** (penciller) and **Al Gordon** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**



FIRST STORY
"Seeing Red" (17 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, penciller: **Keith Giffen** (layouts only)
Scripter: **J. Marc De Matteis**
Penciler: **Kevin Maguire**
Inker: **Al Gordon**
Letterer: **Bob Lappan**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Batman and **Blue Beetle** (both in between *Millennium* #1 and #2)

Martian Manhunter, Black Canary, Booster Gold, and **Captain Atom** (all last seen in *Millennium* #1; all appear next in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Guy Gardner and **Mr. Miracle** (both last seen in *Millennium* #1; both appear next, behind the scenes, in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Guest Stars

Rocket Red Brigade (all last seen in *Justice League* #3; all except Rocket Red #4 appear next in *Doom Patrol and Suicide Squad Special* #1)

Rocket Red #4 (last seen in *Justice League* #3; appears next in issue #11)

Supporting Characters

Oberon (last seen in *Millennium* #1; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Maxwell Lord (appears next in issue #11)

Villains

Rocket Red #7 (last seen in *Millennium* #1; destroyed in this story)

Ms. Wootenhoffer (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; revealed as a Manhunter agent and dies in this story; appears next, as a corpse, in issue #12)

Rumaan Harjavti and **his troops** (last chronological appearance in the second story in this issue)

Cameo Appearances

Flash III, Rudolf West, Halo, Geo-Force, Firestorm, Bernard Ferguson, Wonder Woman, Pan's Manhunter replacement, and **Clark Kent** (on Maxwell Lord's computer viewscreen)

Synopsis

Even as the Justice League leaves the meeting of Earth's super-heroes at the Green Lantern Citadel, one of its members, Rocket Red #7, reveals himself as a Manhunter.

Trapping Batman, Blue Beetle, Black Canary, and Mr. Miracle inside their ship, the renegade hero sends it hurtling toward a Bialian oil refinery. Guy Gardner, Booster Gold, and the Martian Manhunter, flying outside the ship, are powerless to save their teammates, but a squad of Rocket Reds, summoned by Oberon, arrives in time to prevent the crash, and the Manhunter Rocket Red is destroyed when he rises from the rubble with a drawn weapon, only to be stymied by Booster Gold's force-field.

At the same time, in New York, Maxwell Lord is attacked by a Manhunter posing as his secretary, who is in turn attacked and destroyed by Lord's computer.

SECOND STORY
"Brief Encounter" (5 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, penciller: **Keith Giffen**
Scripter: **J. Marc De Matteis**
Inker: **Al Gordon**
Letterer: **Agustin Mas**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Character

Jack O'Lantern (last seen in the second story in the previous issue)

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Villains

Rumaan Harjavti (name misspelled "Harjarvti" in this story; last chronological appearance in issue #7) and **his troops** (last chronological appearance in *Justice League* #2; next chronological appearance of all in the first story in this issue)

Comment

This story takes place in part at the same time as the first story in this issue.

Synopsis

In the tiny terrorist nation of Bilaya, its ruler, Colonel Rumaan Harjavti, meets with Jack O'Lantern, formerly of the Global Guardians, to discuss the formation of a new super-team which would act as an alternative to the newly-formed JLI. As Jack departs to consider the proposal, Harjavti is startled by an explosion in his oil fields, caused by the near-crash of the JLI's ship (as seen in the previous story).

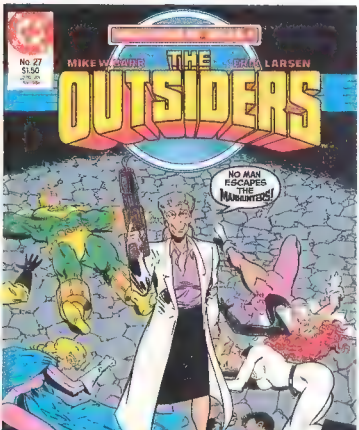
The Outsiders #27
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **Erik Larsen** (penciller) and **Mark Farmer** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Robot Tyrants of Kadeyland" (27 pages)



Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Mike W. Barr**
Penciller, inker: **Erik Larsen**
Letterer: **Albert de Guzman**
Colorist: **Adrienne Roy**

Feature Characters

Metamorpho (last seen in *Millennium* #1; destroyed in this story)

Black Lightning, Geo-Force, Katana, Halo, and **Looker** (all in between *Millennium* #1 and #3)

Windfall and **Atomic Knight** (both appear next in *Millennium* #5)

Guest Stars

Atomic Knights (Douglas Herald, Marene Herald, Bryndon Smith, Wayne Hobard, and **Hollis Hobard**; all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #57; all appear only in dream-simulation)

Villains

Helga Jace (last seen in *Millennium* #1; dies in this story)

Organizer Kadey and **his Blue Belts** (all last seen in the Atomic Knights story in *Strange Adventures* #160; all appear only in dream-simulation)

Robots (created by Dr. Karl Simon; first appearance; appear only in dream-simulation; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

The citizens of Durvale (last seen, all but one behind the scenes, in *DC Comics Presents* #57; appear only in dream-simulation)

Cameo Appearance

Dr. Karl Simon (in flashback in dream-simulation)

Synopsis

The Outsiders return to Markovia, following the meeting of super-heroes at the Green Lantern Citadel, to face their ally, Dr. Jace, who reveals herself as a Manhunter. They then realize that the process by which she had recently begun to restore Metamorpho to human form has enabled her to control him, as the Element Man turns on his teammates and defeats them.

The other Outsiders regain their senses to find themselves in the world of the Atomic Knights, a dream-simulation scenario in which Gardner Grayle, their newest member, once lived another life. Here, Grayle and his friends, Douglas, Bryndon, Marlene, Wayne, and Hollis have donned special suits of radiation-proof armor to defend the survivors of an atomic war.

Their memories of their previous existence denied them, the super-heroes join the Atomic Knights in their battle against Organizer Kadey and his robot allies. By pretending to be defeated, the heroes trick the robots, which have their own plans for conquest independent of Kadey's, into revealing themselves. The robots destroyed, a desperate Kadey hurls a radiation-grenade at the Knights. When Grayle instinctively saves Windfall rather than Marene Herald from the blast, Looker is able to tap into his uncon-

scious memories and free first herself, then the others, from the dream-simulation in which Dr. Jace has trapped them.

Dr. Jace orders Metamorpho to attack his teammates again, but Looker's mental powers make Dr. Jace appear to be Looker and Looker appear to be Dr. Jace. When Metamorpho therefore attacks Dr. Jace, her Manhunter-provided weapon explodes, destroying them both.

Wonder Woman (second series) #12 January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **George Perez** (penciller) and **Bruce Patterson** (inker)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Echoes of the Past" (22 pages)
"Challenge of the Gods, Book 3"

Credits

Editor: **Karen Berger**
Plotter, penciller: **George Perez**
Scripter: **Len Wein**
Inker: **Bruce D. Patterson**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Character

Wonder Woman (appears in *Millennium* #1 in between page 20, panels 2 and 3; appears next in *Millennium* #1, page 22)

Supporting Characters

Queen Hippolyte (also appears in flashback, which occurs between issue #1, pages 23 and 24)

Steve Trevor (middle name, **Rockwell**, revealed in this story; also appears in flashbacks as a child) and **Etta Candy** (both appear next in issue #14)

Menalippe, Philippus, and **the Amazons of Paradise Island** (appear only in flashback, which occurs between issue #1, pages 23 and 24)

Villains

Pan's Manhunter replacement (appears in *Millennium* #1, page 21 in between page 20, panels 2 and 6; appears next in *Millennium* #1, page 22)

The Hellspawn of the Hydra (first appearance; skeletal warriors created from the Hydra's teeth; destroyed in this story)

Cottus (first appearance; dies in flashback in this story)
Harpies

Other Characters

Diana Rockwell Trevor (as a spirit; also appears in flashbacks; dies in flashback; no further appearances as a spirit to date)

Everett Aanonson and **Edna Aanonson** (also appears in flashback)
Hades
Heracles (last seen in issue #1)
Members of the Woman's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (first and only appearance to date; in flashback)

Cameo Appearances

Ulysses Stephen ("U.S.") Trevor (full name and nickname revealed in this story; as a corpse and in photographs)
A Manhunter

Synopsis

Even as Queen Hippolyte follows her daughter past Doom's Doorway, and Steve Trevor mourns the passing of his father, Wonder Woman comes face-to-face with her namesake, Diana Rockwell Trevor, Steve's mother.

Diana tells her how she was a young barnstorming pilot in the 1930s, how she met and married Lt. Ulysses Trevor, how he and she both fought in World War II, and how she vanished after her Sabre jet crashed near Paradise Island in 1948. She came ashore on the island just in time to witness a clash between the Amazons and the monstrous Cottus, one of the creatures imprisoned behind Doom's Doorway. She proved the deciding factor in that battle, but at the cost of her life. The Amazons accorded her a warrior's funeral, clad in armor they had forged bearing the emblem of the U.S. flag, copied from her uniform. A second, identical set of armor and Diana's handgun were sealed away until the eventual birth of her namesake, Hippolyte's daughter. Having revealed all this to Wonder Woman, Diana Trevor is taken to her reward, reunion with her husband in the afterlife, by Hades.

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Elsewhere, as Steve Trevor attends his father's funeral, Hippolyte is set upon first by skeleton-men, then by harpies, and comes upon her ancient foe, Heracles, in the form of a giant rock formation.

Wonder Woman, meanwhile, encounters the god Pan (actually a Manhunter agent), and at his bidding enters a dimensional portal to the outside world.

Millennium #2
January 1988 (Week 2)

Cover Credits

Artists: **Joe Staton** (penciller) and **Bruce Patterson** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Under" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciller: **Joe Staton** (layouts)
Inker: **Ian Gibson** (finished art)
Letterer: **Bob Lappan**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir**

Betty Clawman (first appearance; a young Australian aborigine woman)

Takeo Yakata (first appearance; a Japanese corporate businessman)

Xiang Po (first appearance; a young Chinese woman)

Nikolai Latikov (first appearance; a Soviet party official)

Celia Windward (first appearance; a British-Jamaican woman)

Janwillem Kroef (first appearance; a South African government minister)

Gregorio de la Vega (first appearance; a Peruvian man)

Salima Baranizar (first appearance; a young Iranian woman; appears next in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Floronic Man (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #66; next chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Tom Kalmaku (together with the above nine characters, constitutes **the Chosen**)

Raoul (last name not revealed; no appearance; behind the scenes only; a prospective member of **the Chosen**; revealed to have become senile in this story; see Comment below)

Guest Stars

Arisia, Hal Jordan, Harbinger, John Stewart, and **Kilowog**

Batman (last seen in *Justice League International* #9; appears next in *Batman* #415)

Blue Beetle (last seen in *Justice League International* #9; appears next in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Clark Kent (appearance same as *Superman* (second series) #13, page 19, panel 4 through page 20)

Katma Tui Stewart (last seen in *Firestorm* (second series) #67)

Villains

Lana Lang (appearance same as *Superman* (second series) #13, page 19, panel 4 through page 20; appears next in *Superman* (second series) #13, page 21)

Commissioner Gordon's Manhunter replacement (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Detective Comics* #582; appears next in *Batman* #415)

Laurel Kent (revealed as a Manhunter agent in this story; next chronological appearance in the second story in *Superboy* #217)

Joker (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #66; next chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Psycho-Pirate II (last seen in *Infinity, Inc. Special* #1; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Overthrow (appears next in *Blue Beetle* #20)

Guest Appearances

Dan Richards (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Max Fisher (in between *Blue Beetle* #18 and #23)

Tegra Kalmaku (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #219; behind the scenes only)

Other Characters

Daily Planet staff members (last seen in *Action Comics* #595; appearance same as *Superman* (second series) #13)

Miss Kiro (first and only appearance to date; Takeo Yakata's secretary)

The citizens of Shanghai (first appearance; appear next in issue #3)

Geraldo (a bartender) and **patrons of a bar in Trujillo, Peru** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Arkham Asylum doctors (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #66; next chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Cameo Appearance

Monitor

Comment

Raoul, a potential member of the Chosen, who is unavailable due to having become senile, is mentioned only in this story. Since the Oans' original plan was to have ten chosen beings, and the Floronic Man was a substitute for the deceased Terra, possibly one of the other Chosen is the substitute for Raoul.

Synopsis

The Guardian and the Zamaron travel across the world, seeking out those chosen to participate in the Millennium Project: Betty Clawman, an Australian aborigine, Takeo Yakata, a Japanese businessman, Xiang Po, a young citizen of Shanghai, Nikolai Latikov, a Soviet official, Celia Windward, a British black woman, Salima Baranizar, an Iranian woman, Janwillem Kroef, a South African government leader, and Gregorio de la Vega, a Peruvian layabout. En route, they meet Harbinger, who offers her aid, but when they inform her that her history of the heroes of Earth has fallen into the hands of the Manhunters, she races to the Manhunters' homeworld to undo the harm she has caused.

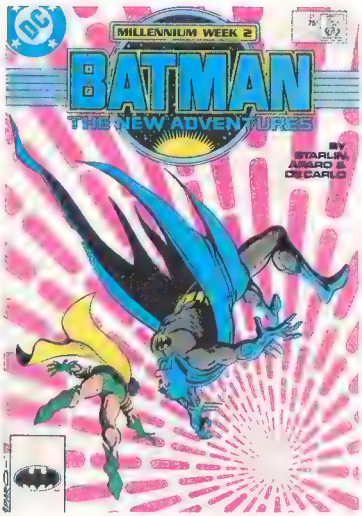
While the Oans are engaged in their search, across the country the Manhunters' sleeper agents strike. Lana Lang appears at the offices of the Daily Planet and attempts to expose Clark Kent as Superman, Commissioner Gordon tries to murder Batman, and Overthrow challenges the Blue Beetle.

Back at the GL Citadel, Tom Kalmaku revives, having been brought there and his injuries healed by Kilowog. He tells what he knows of the Manhunters' plans. Herupa and Nadia then return and, to everyone's surprise, name Tom as one of the Chosen. Meanwhile, the tenth and final chosen one, Terra's replacement, rants in his cell at Arkham Asylum: the Floronic Man.

Batman #415
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jim Aparo** (Signed)
Letterer: Typography



STORY

"Millennium" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Denny O'Neil**
Plotter, scripter: **Jim Starlin**
Penciller: **Jim Aparo**
Inker: **Mike DeCarlo**
Letterer: **Agustin Mas**
Colorist: **Adrienne Roy**

Feature Character

Batman (in between *Millennium* #2 and #3; also disguised as the Scarecrow in this story)

Supporting Characters

Robin (last seen in *Action Comics* #594; also disguised as "Dr. Merula" in this story; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Alfred Pennyworth (last seen in *Batman* #413; also disguised as an ambulance driver in this story; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Villains

Commissioner Gordon's Manhunter replacement (last seen in *Millennium* #2; destroyed in this story; head appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Scarecrow and Joker (last chronological appearance of both in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; both next appear in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23

Two-Face (last chronological appearance in flashback

in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; appears next, behind the scenes, in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Riddler and **Mr. Freeze** (last chronological appearance of both, behind the scenes, in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; both appear next, behind the scenes, in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Floronic Man (last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; appears next in *Millennium* #3)

Croc (last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; behind the scenes only; appears next in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23

Clayface III, Tweedledum and **Tweedledee** (last chronological appearance of all in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; behind the scenes only; all appear next, behind the scenes, iin the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23

Psycho-Pirate II (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; behind the scenes only; appears next, behind the scenes, in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23

Inmates of Arkham Asylum (other than the above eleven villains; including an inmate who resembles the Penguin; first and only appearance of some to date)

Other Characters

Gotham City police officers (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in flashback in *Detective Comics* #582; appear next in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Arkham Asylum guards (last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; appear next in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Arkham Asylum doctors and **attendants** (last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; behind the scenes only; two attendants appear next in *Millennium* #3; others appear next in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Cameo Appearances

Manhunters, Herupa Hando Hu, Nadia Safir, Takeo Yakata, Tom Kalmaku, Betty Clawman, Gregorio de la Vega, Xiang Po, Nikolai Latikov, Janwillem Kroef, Salima Baranizar, and **Celia Windward**

Synopsis

To his utter amazement, Batman has just been pistol-whipped and pushed out a window by a man he believed to be his staunch ally, Commissioner Gordon. Saving himself by grabbing a building ledge, Batman dodges Gordon's bullets and swings back inside police headquarters to confront the being he now realizes is actually a Manhunter, but the impostor has already escaped. Batman deduces that the Floronic Man, currently a prisoner at Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane, is one of those "chosen" by the Oans for their Millennium Project and thus a target for the Manhunters, and he returns to the Batcave.

Meanwhile, in Tannersville, a rural community outside Gotham City, Robin has trailed the Scarecrow to his hideout in an abandoned barn. Impulsively shattering the villain's vials of fear gas, he causes the Scarecrow's own weapon to render him helpless, and apprehends the costumed criminal.

That night, Batman and Robin enter Arkham Asylum under the very noses of the fake Commissioner Gordon and his men, arriving in an ambulance disguised as a badly-beaten Scarecrow and his attending physician. They use the Scarecrow's fear gas to overcome a score of the asylum's most dangerous inmates, whom "Gordon" has released in the exercise yard under guard, then use drug-tipped darts to put most of the police officers and guards present out of action.

In a skirmish with the two crimefighters, the ersatz Commissioner is revealed as a robot when he is accidentally hit by a shotgun blast by one of "his" own men. Finally, Batman is forced to destroy the robot with a plastique explosive and, having to choose between helping the Floronic Man and seeking out the real Commissioner Gordon, he and Robin depart.

Back at the Batcave, data contained in the severed head of the Gordon robot reveals that the true Gordon has gone to Louisiana.

Blue Beetle #20

January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chris Wozniak** (penciller) and **Dick Giordano** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Iran Scam" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Denny O'Neil**
Plotter, scripter: **Len Wein**
Pencillers: **Ross Andru** and **Joe Staton** (page 4, panel 9 only)
Inkers: **Danny Bulanadi** and **Ian Gibson** (page 4, panel 9 only)
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Liz Berube**
Special credit: **Randy** and **Jean-Marc Lofficier**

Feature Character

Blue Beetle (in between *Millennium* #2 and #3; also poses as "Edgar Hemp", a Toronto software salesman, in this story)

Guest Stars

Salima Baranizar (last seen in *Millennium* #2; dies in this story; appears next, as a spirit, in *Millennium* #8)

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Black Canary, Booster Gold, Captain Atom, and **Martian Manhunter** (all last seen in the first story in *Justice League International* #9; all appear next in *Millennium* #3)

Dr. Fate II (in between *Millennium* #1 and #3)

Supporting Character

Jeremiah Duncan (behind the scenes and in flashback only)

Villains

Overthrow (last seen in *Millennium* #2)
Catalyst (no further appearances to date)
Klaus Cornelius

Guest Appearances

Belphegor (last seen in the second story in *Justice League International* #8)

Fleur-de-Lis (real name not revealed; first appearance; a French super-heroine and member of the Global Guardians)

Legionary (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #89)

Dr. Mist (last seen in the second story in *Justice League International* #8; appears next in *Justice League International* #12)

Guy Gardner and **Mr. Miracle** (both last seen in the first story in *Justice League International* #9; both behind the scenes in this story; both appear next in *Millennium* #3)

Oberon (last seen in the first story in *Justice League International* #9, behind the scenes in this story; appears next in *Justice League International* #11)

Other Characters

Heimdall (a code name; real name not revealed; the chief of Bifrost, a branch of the Swedish Secret Service), **his secretary,** and **a co-worker** (first and only appearance of all to date)

"Henning Andersen" (an alias; real name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; an agent of Bifrost; poses as a journalist in this story)

Alain Carraze (first and only appearance to date; a TFI newsman)

A mullah (first and only appearance to date; an Islamic wise man)

The Baseej (first and only appearance to date; Iranian volunteer soldiers; one revealed as a contact of "Henning Anderssen"; Achmed and Omar named in this story)

Passengers aboard an Air France SST (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of Tehran, Iran (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Max Fisher (in flashback)
Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (in flashback)

Synopsis

His suspicions that police lieutenant Max Fisher might be the sleeper agent assigned to him by the Manhunters allayed, Blue Beetle is abruptly challenged by his former foe Overthrow, his true Manhunter counterpart. After a brief battle, however, the Beetle cuts the fight short to answer a JLI emergency call.

In Tehran, Iran, meanwhile, Salima Baranizar, one of the Oans' Chosen, ponders the implications of the immortal aliens' visitation, unaware that she is being shadowed by a secret agent whose report eventually finds its way into the hands of the Justice League. Consulting a mullah, a wise man of her faith, Salima is told that the Guardian and the Zamaron, whom she believes to be messengers from Allah, are actually agents of Satan, and when she refuses to recant her blasphemous assertions, she is taken into custody. The Justice League delegates Blue Beetle to fly to Iran and protect Salima, bringing her back to America.

Arriving in Tehran, Blue Beetle learns where Salima is being held, but before he can rescue her, he is attacked by Catalyst, a costumed emissary of the ruthless industrialist Klaus Cornelius. Cornelius has sent Catalyst to Iran to recover a sample of a secret compound hidden at the former site of the Tehran branch of Kord, Inc. by Jeremiah Duncan. Catalyst battles the Beetle to a standstill with the chemical powers that make him a "living pharmacopoeia", until the Beetle manages to get away from him long enough to reach Salima Baranizar's cell.

Taking advantage of the distraction unintentionally provided by Catalyst, Blue Beetle escapes the prison with Salima. However, when she learns of his intention to take her to America, which she has been taught is "the land of Satan", she breaks away from him and begins proclaiming the message of the Oans in the streets. Before the Beetle can reach her, she is stoned to death as a blasphemer by a crowd.

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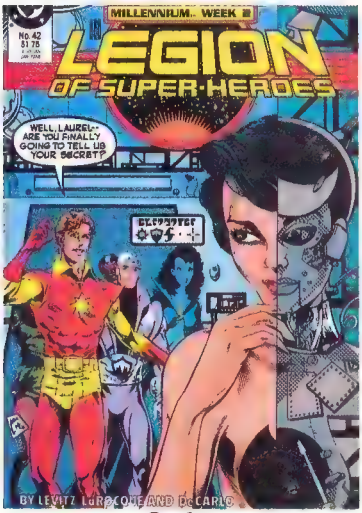
Legion of Super-Heroes (third series) #42
January 1988

Cover Credits
Artist: **Steve Lightle**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY
"To Sleep A Thousand Years ... " (27 Pages)



Credits
Editor: **Karen Berger**
Plotter, scripter: **Paul Levitz**
Penciller: **Greg LaRocque**
Inkers: **Mike DeCarlo** and **Arne Starr**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters
Chameleon Boy, Colossal Boy, Brainiac 5, Sun Boy, Element Lad, Dream Girl, Shadow Lass, Invisible Kid II, and **Tellus**

Shrinking Violet, Timber Wolf, and **Polar Boy** (last chronological appearance of all in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* (second series) #3)

Supporting Characters
Chief Zendak (last seen in issue #34)

Computo (behind the scenes in this story)

Villains
Laurel Kent (last chronological appearance in *Legion of Super-Heroes Annual* (second series) #3; revealed to the Legion of Super-Heroes as a Manhunter in this story)

Manhunters (first appearance of these particular Manhunters; disguised as Buddhist monks; all destroyed in this story, as revealed in next issue; see second Comment below)

Cameo Appearances
Guardians of the Universe, Manhunters, and **Green Lantern Corps** (all in flashback)

Comment
Laurel Kent exhibits the power of super-strength, in addition to her known power of invulnerability, and proves invulnerable to Kryptonite in this story, thus proving that she is not a descendant of Superman, as she had previously claimed. She also exhibits additional powers in the next issue.

The Manhunters who appear disguised as Buddhist monks in this story, like Laurel Kent, must have been deactivated in the 20th century and reactivated at a later date, since there is no evidence of their presence on Earth in *Millennium*.

Synopsis
As Tellus makes his way through Legion Headquarters, he encounters Polar Boy, who is extremely pleased with his recent accomplishments as Legion leader, Sun Boy and Laurel Kent, who are returning from a late date, Shadow Lass, Shrinking Violet, and Invisible Kid, who are using the gym facilities, and Chameleon Boy, who is leaving to visit the hospitalized Colossal Boy. All remain unaware that Laurel does not leave the building after parting company with Sun Boy, but instead steals into the Multi-Lab, and begins accessing computer data. When Brainiac 5 accosts her, she attacks him with unsuspected super-strength. No sooner does she defeat him, however, than Tellus, Violet, and Shadow Lass appear and continue the battle. Unable to steal any more data, Laurel smashes through the inertron ceiling and flies away.

After Brainiac 5 determines the nature of the stolen information, he and the other three Legionnaires, as well as Sun Boy and Element Lad, journey to a remote Buddhist temple in the Himalayas, where another computer designed for genealogical research, the type of data accessed by Laurel, is known to exist. The resident monks welcome the heroes, but Tellus warns them that the monks are actually inhuman androids, a fact borne out when the monks attack them.

The androids defeated, the Legionnaires enter the temple to discover Laurel Kent, who reveals herself as a Manhunter who has remained hidden on Earth for a thousand years, even as she battles the teammates to a standstill. Then, as the Legionnaires look on, Laurel causes the entire temple to explode.

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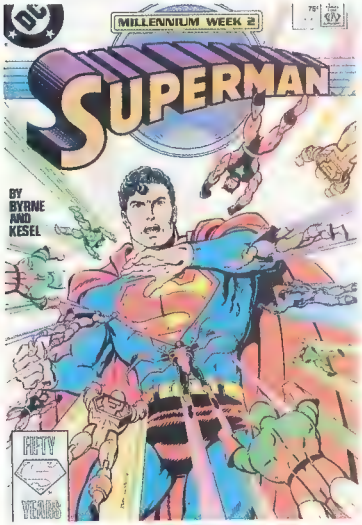
Superman (second series) #13
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **John Byrne** (Signed)
Letterer: Typography



STORY

"Toys in the Attic" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Michael Carlin**
Plotter, scripter, penciller: **John Byrne**
Inker: **Karl Kesel**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Tom Ziuko**

Feature Character

Superman (last seen in *Millennium* #1; appearance on page 19, panel 4 through page 20 same as *Millennium* #2, pages 1 through 3; appears in *Swamp Thing* (second series) #68, page 10, panel 5, in between page 22, panels 1 and 2 of this story; appears next in *The Adventures of Superman* #436)

Supporting Characters

Maggie Sawyer and **Jimmy Olsen** (both last seen in *Action Comics* #595; both appear next in issue #15)

Cat Grant (in between *The Adventures of Superman* #435 and #438)

Villains

The Toyman (W. Percival Schott; first appearance of the Toyman in the post-Crisis universe; origin revealed; last pre-Crisis appearance of the Toyman in *Blue Devil* #24; since the real name of the pre-Crisis Toyman was Winslow P. Schott, it may be presumed that the correct full name of both Toymen is Winslow Percival Schott)

Lex Luthor (last seen in *Action Comics* #595; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #7)

Lana Lang (last seen in *Millennium* #1; appearance on page 19, panel 4 through page 20 same as *Millennium* #2, pages 1 through 3; appears in *Swamp Thing* (second series) #68, page 10, panel 5, in between page 22, panels 1 and 2 of this story; appears next in *The Adventures of Superman* #436)

Alan Bolland (behind the scenes in this story, as revealed in *Swamp Thing* #68)

Guest Appearance

Godiva (last seen in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #12; appears only in flashback)

Other Characters

Gary (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; driver of a Secur-Corp armored car) and **Mickey** (last name not revealed; first appearance; his partner; dies in this story)

Two agents of MI-7 (a branch of British Intelligence; first and only appearance of both to date; resemble John Steed and Emma Peel of TV's *The Avengers*)

Walter Dunhill (one of the co-owners of John Bull's Toys, a British toymaking firm, and W. Percival Schott's former superior) and **Merriweather** (his butler; first appearance of both; both die in flashback)

Four other co-owners of John Bull's Toys (first appearance of all; all die in flashbacks)

A young woman (the first co-owner's companion) and **attendees at the 23rd Annual Chropshire Vintage Motor Show and Ball** (first and only appearance of all to date; all appear only in flashbacks)

Passengers aboard an airliner (first appearance; all die behind the scenes in flashback)

Dr. Kelly (first name not revealed; first appearance; Lex Luthor's female personal physician)

Pearl (last seen in *Action Comics* #595)

Daily Planet staff members (appearance same as *Millennium* #2)

Comment

Some of the Superhero Action Figure toys used by the Toyman in this story vaguely resemble some of Marvel Comics' super-hero characters.

Synopsis

After an armored car is destroyed by a toy tank and its contents stolen by toy paratroopers in the streets of Metropolis, Superman is summoned to the office of police captain Maggie Sawyer. There he meets two British Intelligence agents who apprise him that this crime and others are the work of an insane former toymaker named W. Percival Schott, now known as the Toyman. Fired by the firm that had employed him for forty years because his

ideas had become outmoded, Schott set about murdering the company's owners, using deadly remote-controlled toys as weapons. Evidence indicates that he is now in Metropolis seeking to murder Lex Luthor, also an owner of the toy firm.

Superman foils the attempt on Luthor's life, only to have the Toyman launch an attack on him with powerful flying toy superhero action figures. He manages to destroy some of them and outdistance the rest with his super-speed, then he follows their heat-trails to the Toyman's hideout, an abandoned factory attic. It proves to be deserted, however, leading Superman to suspect that Schott has either been murdered or abducted.

Before he can begin to solve this new mystery, Superman returns to the Daily Planet newsroom as Clark Kent. There Lana Lang suddenly appears at his desk, and reveals herself to be a Manhunter agent. She then threatens to expose Clark's secret identity if he does not side with the Manhunters against the Guardians of the Universe and their Millennium Project. When he refuses to accede to her demands, she rips open his shirt, but fortunately, Clark is not wearing his Superman costume under his clothes. Foiled, Lana leaps out the window and flies away, and Clark, as Superman, is soon in close pursuit. Moments later, his quarry had led him to Smallville, the Kansas town where he and Lana grew up.

Secret Origins (second series) #22
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Walt Simonson**
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Secret Origin of the Manhunters" (20 Pages)
"Chapter II: Revolt and Exile"

Credits

Editors: **Roy Thomas** and **Greg Weisman**
Plotters, scripters: **Roy Thomas** and **Dann Thomas**
Penciller: **Howard Simpson**
Inkers: **Bob Downs** and **Howard Simpson** and **Damon Willis**
Letterer: **Jean Simek**
Colorist: **Shelley Eiber**
Special consultants: **Steve Englehart** and **Greg Weisman**

Feature Characters

The Manhunters (last chronological appearance in *Justice League of America* #141; origin retold; also appear in flashbacks recounting their history from their creation to the year 1940)

Supporting Character

The Grandmaster (last chronological appearance in *Justice League of America* #141; origin retold; reconstructed since his last appearance; also appears in flashbacks recounting the history of the Manhunters to the year 1940)

Guest Appearances

Rocket Red #7 (chronologically in between *Justice League International* #7 and #8)

Lana Lang (last chronological appearance in *Action Comics* #595; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Mr. Smith (last chronological appearance in *Green Lantern Corps* #217; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Dirk Davis (last chronological appearance in *Booster Gold* #23; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

The Atlantean Manhunter (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in *Aquaman* (second series) #1; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Pan's Manhunter replacement (earliest chronological appearance; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Cameo Appearances

Krona (in flashback)

Guardians of the Universe (in flashbacks)

Green Lantern (Alan Scott; in flashback to 1940, shortly after his origin)

An alien Green Lantern Corps member, four alien races, Norman warriors, Saxon warriors, two alien criminals, British Crusaders, Moslem warriors, Caribbean natives, Christopher Columbus, George

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Washington, Charles Cornwallis, inhabitants of medieval China, Napoleon Bonaparte, World War I soldiers, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Tojo, and **three criminals** (all in flashbacks)

Comment

The Manhunters meeting depicted in this story is the last such gathering before the mass meeting of the Manhunters in Manhattan Beach in *Millennium* #1, and takes place shortly before that story. It cannot be the same meeting, since the Manhunter base in which it takes place is a well-lighted amphitheatre, rather than the darkened warehouse seen in *Millennium* #1, and it cannot be a later meeting, as is implied by the release date of this issue, because sleeper agents are present who have already been dispersed to deal with the various superheroes. There is no reason to presume that any of the other Manhunter agents not depicted is present at this meeting, behind the scenes, as is the case at the meeting in *Millennium* #1, at which virtually every Manhunter on Earth is present.

Synopsis

At a secret meeting of the Manhunter forces on Earth, their leader, the Grandmaster, reviews the history of the cult.

Billions of years ago, after one of their number named Krona had unleashed evil upon the cosmos, the race known as the Oans dedicated themselves to the preservation of order and became known as the Guardians of the Universe. To act as their agents, they created a corps of warrior androids called the Manhunters. Armed with stun-guns and miniature power batteries with which to energize them, the Manhunters went forth to dispense justice.

In time, however, the Manhunters began to resent their creators, and planned to revolt and seize the Central Power Battery on the planet Oa, which powered their own individual batteries. After a thousand years of conflict, the Guardians allowed the Manhunters to capture the master battery, thus setting off a power overload which destroyed the androids' weapons and left them defenceless.

Rather than destroy them, the Guardians banished the Manhunters to live as ordinary beings on the various planets of the cosmos. Over the ages, however, the Manhunters reorganized. Their synthetic skins, originally blue like the Oans', had faded to white, but they began to wear ritual blue face masks, and became an underground cult of superb hunters and trackers, whose secret goal was to destroy the Green Lantern Corps, who had replaced them as the Guardians' agents.

In the year 1066, the Manhunters discovered the planet Earth and began to infiltrate it. Since the Guardians had yet to place an agent there, the Manhunters felt safe until, in the year 1940, a new Earth hero emerged on the scene, calling himself Green Lantern. This Green Lantern, Alan Scott, was not a member of the Guardians' Corps, but had instead forged a power ring from a fragment of the Starheart, in which the Oans long ago had stored the bulk of the magical energies in the universe. Nonetheless, the Grandmaster conceived a plan to dispose of this dangerous new potential adversary.

"Chapter III: Dan Richards, Manhunter" (5 Pages)

Feature Character

Manhunter (Dan Richards; origin retold; appears in flashback to *Police Comics* #8, containing previously unrevealed information, as do all characters in this story)

Supporting Characters

Thor, the Thunder Dog (his dog; revealed as a robot created by the Manhunters in this story)

Kit Kelley (Dan's girlfriend; behind the scenes only)

Villains

Johnny Consentino and **his gang** (protection racketeers)

Jerry Armand (a crooked politician; behind the scenes only; dies shortly before this story)

Guest Appearance

The Grandmaster (chronologically in between the 1940 flashback in Chapter II and Chapter IV of this story)

Other Character

Jim Kelley (Dan's friend and fellow police officer and Kit's brother; behind the scenes only)

Synopsis

In 1941, rookie policeman Dan Richards was distraught because his girlfriend's brother and fellow officer Jim Kelley had been framed for the murder of crooked politician Jerry Armand. Dan suspected the true culprit was protection racketeer Johnny Consentino, but he had no proof.

As he walked his beat, wishing he could track down the missing gangster, Dan was suddenly confronted by a glowing light, which led him down a dark alley before passing through a solid brick wall. Beyond the wall, Dan found himself in the hidden lair of the Manhunters, "an arcane organization with incredible resources, which served the cause of justice in secret". Their leader, the Grandmaster, presented him with a special costume and with the services of Thor, the Thunder Dog, a canine tracker which could lead him to Consentino's hideout.

This he did, and Dan, as Manhunter, together with Thor, defeated Consentino and his gang, and secured a confession to Armand's murder. Manhunter then began the crimebusting career that would lead him to wartime membership in the All-Star Squadron and an eventual conflict with Green Lantern, just as the Grandmaster had planned.

"Chapter IV: Paul Kirk, Manhunter" (8 Pages)

Feature Character

Manhunter (Paul Kirk; origin retold; appears in flashback to *Adventure Comics* #73, containing previously unrevealed information, as do all characters in this story except those in cameo appearances; also appears in flashback to *Detective Comics* #437-443)

Supporting Character

Gloria (Paul's girlfriend)

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Villains

The Buzzard (Hugo van Beck)

Inspector Donavan (revealed as a Manhunter agent and dies in this story)

Guest Appearances

The Grandmaster (chronologically in between Chapter III and Chapter V of this story; appears in *The Young All-Stars* #8 and behind the scenes in *All American Comics* #89 during this story)

Dan Richards (last chronological appearance, as Manhunter, in *Police Comics* #101; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in Chapter VI of this story)

Thor (last chronological appearance in *Police Comics* #101; appears in flashback only; next chronological appearance in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Other Characters

Empire City police officers (some die in this story; others mostly behind the scenes; Joey named in this story)

A news vendor and **other citizens of Empire City**

A robot dog (other than Thor; first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Green Lantern (Alan Scott) and **the Harlequin** (Molly Mayne; both in flashback)

Green Lantern (Hal Jordan; in flashback)

The Manhunters (in flashback)

Batman, Christine St. Clair (hair miscolored blonde in this story), **Dr. Mykros, Asano Nitobe, Kolu Mbeya, Dan Kingdom, Manhunter clones,** and **the Council** (in flashback to *Detective Comics* #437–443)

Nazi soldiers and **various criminals** (in flashbacks)

Synopsis

Shortly thereafter, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the Manhunters elected to recruit another human agent.

Wealthy big-game hunter Paul Kirk was contacted by the cult after his friend, Police Inspector Donavan, and his men were killed by a costumed criminal known as the Buzzard. Garbed in a uniform different from Dan Richards's and more similar to those of the Manhunters themselves, Kirk pursued and captured the Buzzard, then, like Richards, he continued his secret career as a "mystery-man". He too later joined the All-Star Squadron and met Green Lantern.

Neither hero who took the name Manhunter ever became aware of the true, evil nature of his mysterious mentors. Paul Kirk gave up his other identity to fight behind enemy lines later in World War II, then seemingly died on a hunting safari in 1946. Meanwhile, the Manhunters tried a separate ploy to eliminate Green Lantern, by giving spectacles with illusion-casting powers to his female foe, the Harlequin. Since the Harlequin, secretly Molly Mayne, was actually in love with the Emerald Crusader, however, she never seriously menaced him, and eventually retired. Still later, in 1950, Dan Richards also retired his costumed identity.

For years, the Manhunters remained in hiding, watching and waiting. They watched as Hal Jordan became the successor of the alien Corps member Abin Sur, so that at last there was a true Green Lantern on Earth. They also watched as Paul Kirk, who had not died, but had been placed in suspended animation by the organization called the Council, was revived and resumed his Manhunter role in a new costume, then perished to save the world from the Council's machinations.

"Chapter V: Mark Shaw, Manhunter" (5 Pages)

Feature Character

Manhunter (Mark Shaw; aka Star-Tsar and Privateer; origin retold; appears in flashback to *First Issue Special* #5, as do all other characters in this story except those in cameo appearances; also appears in flashbacks to *Justice League of America* #140–141 and #149–150)

Supporting Character

Bradford Shaw (revealed as a Manhunter agent in this story)

Villain

The Chopper (dies in this story)

Guest Appearance

The Grandmaster (last chronological appearance in Chapter IV of this story; next chronological appearance in *Justice League of America* #140)

Other Character

Manhunter III (real name not revealed; Paul Kirk's successor and Mark Shaw's predecessor)

Cameo Appearances

The Justice League of America (**Batman, Superman, Flash, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Elongated Man, Aquaman, Hawkman, Hawkwoman,** and **Snapper Carr**; in flashbacks to *Justice League of America* #140–141 and 149–150)

Guardians of the Universe, Highmaster, and **Manhunters** (in flashback to *Justice League of America* #140-141)

Star-Tsar's men (in flashback to *Justice League of America* #149-150)

Synopsis

Meanwhile, a third crusader called Manhunter had been recruited by the cult and had worked for years in his mentors' service. When the time came for him to retire, public defender Mark Shaw was chosen as his replacement.

Like Richards and Kirk, Shaw did not suspect the real motives of the Manhunter organization which gave him his costume and weaponry. Eventually, convinced that Hal Jordan, the current Green Lantern, was an evildoer, Manhunter became embroiled in a conflict with the Justice League of America. Before that battle ended, Shaw realized that he had been used by the cult, and renounced the Manhunter identity, although he would later return to fight the JLA in his other costumed roles as the Privateer and the Star-Tsar.

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Thus, for the first time, Green Lantern and Earth's other super-heroes became aware of the origin and purpose of the Manhunter organization.

"Chapter VI: Rebirth — and Revenge"

Feature Characters

The Manhunters (one also appears in flashback to events two years previous; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Supporting Character

The Grandmaster (also appears in flashback to events two years previous; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #1)

Guest Appearances

Dan Richards (last chronological appearance in flashback in Chapter IV of this story; appears in flashback to events of two year previous; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #2)

Marcie Cooper (also appears in flashback to events of two years previous, which may be her chronologically earliest appearance; possible earlier appearance as Barbara Gordon's childhood playmate Marcy in issue #20; also appears in cameo as Harlequin III; next chronological appearance in *Infinity, Inc.* #14)

Cameo Appearances

Commissioner Gordon's Manhunter replacement, Helga Jace, Mr. Smith, Rudolf West (called Robert West in this story), **Bernard Ferguson, Ms. Hunter, Lana Lang, Rocket Red #7, Dirk Davis, Overthrow, Mary Frances Cassidy, the Atlantean Manhunter, Pan's Manhunter replacement, Laurel Kent** (behind the scenes only), and **Harry Hadley**

Captain Atom and a **Captain Atom Project technician** (in flashback)

Northwind, Molly Mayne Scott, and **Todd Rice** (in flashbacks)

Synopsis

Following the Crisis on Infinite Earths, the Guardians passed from the universe, and the Manhunters remained in hiding, until they became aware of the Millennium Project. Activating their sleeper agents, many of whom had been deliberately selected to keep close watch on Earth's super-heroes, they set their current scheme in motion.

Ironically, one of these agents, Marcie Cooper, was the granddaughter of Dan Richards, who had introduced her to his former mentors two years earlier. Having infiltrated Infinity, Inc., Marcie was now in position to become the successor to the Manhunters' former agent, the Harlequin.

Young All-Stars #8
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Brian Murray** (Signed)
Letterer: Typography

STORY

"Manhunters of the World, Unite ... " (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Roy Thomas** and **Greg Weisman**
Plotters, scripters: **Roy Thomas** and **Dann Thomas**
Penciller: **Brian Murray**
Inkers: **Malcolm Jones III** and **Brian Murray** (pages 6-7 only)
Letterer: **Jean Simek**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**
Special credit: **Greg Weisman**

Feature Characters

"Iron" Munro, Flying Fox, Fury, Dyna-Mite, Neptune Perkins, and **Tsunami**

Sandy (behind the scenes in this story)

Guest Stars

Green Lantern (Alan Scott) and **Manhunter** (Paul Kirk; both last seen in issue #7)

Manhunter (Dan Richards; last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #50, in a sequence not part of post-Crisis history) and **Thor** (last chronological appearance in *Police Comics* #13)

Villains

The Grandmaster (last chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22, Chapter IV; next chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in *All-American Comics* #89)

Doiby Dickles's Manhunter replacement. (first appearance; destroyed in this story)

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Guest Appearances

Hop Harrigan (chronologically in between *All-American Comics* #40 and #41)

Liberty Belle, Johnny Quick, and **Sandman** (all behind the scenes in this story)

Other Characters

Tigress

Shigeru Yakata (Takeo Yakata's father; name and identity revealed in next issue) and **other Japanese P.O.W.s** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Katy Kalmaku (Tom Kalmaku's mother; name and identity revealed in next issue), an **Inuit tribal shaman,** and **other inhabitants of Attu** (an Aleutian island; first and only appearance of all to date)

U.S. Army soldiers (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Sedna (the Great Mother of All Sea Creatures; an Inuit goddess; as an illusion created by Green Lantern)

Comments

Flying Fox mistakenly refers to Tsunami first as "Helena", then as "Fury", in this story.

The World's Best Comics Company and the Kane Finger Typewriter Company, whose buildings are depicted in this story, are named for the original title of *World's Finest Comics* and for Batman co-creators Bob Kane and Bill Finger, respectively.

Synopsis

One dark night in May 1942, each of the costumed crusaders who has taken the name "Manhunter" independently makes his way to the hidden headquarters of the secret cult of Manhunters. There the two learn, to their surprise, that they had both been given their common name and mission by the Grandmaster months earlier. The two heroes overcome their mutual animosity when their mentor astounds them by declaring that they must join forces to stop the menace posed by one of their fellow All-Star Squadron members, the Green Lantern.

A short time later, Iron Munro and Flying Fox join Dyna-Mite, Fury, Tsunami, and Neptune Perkins at All-Star Squadron headquarters, just moments before the two Manhunters arrive with Green Lantern's friend, Doiby Dickles. They bring word that the American military installation in Hawaii has been attacked by Green Lantern, who then abducted one of the Japanese prisoners the soldiers had been guarding.

Without time to wait for the adult All-Stars, the Manhunters recruit the young heroes to help stop GL's rampage, after Doiby provides coordinates where the ring-wielding hero is likely to be found. No sooner do the heroes depart, though, than "Doiby", actually a robot duplicate of the real Dickles, ceases functioning and self-destructs.

Hop Harrigan, an aviation cadet, is drafted to pilot a commandeered plane carrying Flying Fox, Tsunami, Dyna-Mite, and Dan Richards/Manhunter to Attu, one of the Aleutian Islands, where Green Lantern has created an illusion of an Eskimo goddess to panic the natives. While Manhunter and Harrigan land the plane, however, the Young All-Stars are quickly defeated by the Emerald Gladiator, who quickly recovers from their attack and flies off to continue his mysterious mission.

Millennium #3

January 1988 (Week 3)

Cover Credits

Artists: **Joe Staton** (penciller) and **Bruce Patterson** (inker) (Signed)

Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Back" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciller: **Joe Staton** (layouts)
Inker: **Ian Gibson** (finished art)
Letterer: **Bob Lappan**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (both appear next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Tom Kalmaku, Takeo Yakata, Betty Clawman, Celia Windward, Janwillem Kroef, Gregorio de la Vega, and **Xiang Po** (all appear next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

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Floronic Man (last seen in *Batman* #415; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Nikolai Latikov (dies in this story; appears next, as a spirit, in issue #8)

Guest Stars

Arisia, Hal Jordan, John Stewart, and **Kilowog** (all appear next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Batman (last seen in *Batman* #415; appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Black Canary and **Captain Atom** (both last seen in *Blue Beetle* #20; both appear next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern* (second series) #220)

Black Lightning, Geo-Force, Halo, Katana, and **Looker** (all last seen in *The Outsiders* #27; all appear next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Blue Beetle and **Dr. Fate II** (both last seen in *Blue Beetle* #20; both appear next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Booster Gold (last seen in *Blue Beetle* #20; appears next in *Booster Gold* #24)

Flash III (last seen in *Flash* (second series) #8; appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Green Arrow, Hourman II, Jade, Mr. Bones, Obsidian, Skyman, and **Wildcat II** (all last seen in issue #1; all appear next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Guy Gardner and **Mr. Miracle** (both last seen, behind the scenes, in *Blue Beetle* #20; both appear next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Harbinger

Katma Tui Stewart (appears next, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Martian Manhunter (last seen in *Blue Beetle* #20; appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Wonder Woman (last seen in issue #1; appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Villains

The Grandmaster and **the Manhunters** (all last seen in issue #1)

Dirk Davis (last seen in issue #1; appears next in *Booster Gold* #24)

Mary Frances Cassidy and **Ms. Hunter** (both last seen in issue #1; no further appearances of either to date)

Mr. Niederman (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; no further appearances to date)

Harry Hadley (last seen in issue #1)

Nancy Reagan (last seen in issue #1; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

The Manhunter KGB agent (last seen in issue #1; no further appearances to date)

An unnamed Manhunter agent (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; Harry Hadley's contact; no further appearances to date)

Dr. Wetson (last chronological appearance in flashback in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23; revealed as a Manhunter in this story; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Manhunter agents in Birmingham and a Manhunter agent in Shanghai (first and only appearance of all to date)

Guest Appearances

Tawny Young (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #212; appears next in *Booster Gold* #24)

Tegra Kalmaku (appears next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Keith Kalmaku and **Karl Kalmaku** (both last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #194; both appear next in *Green Lantern Corps* #220)

Wade Eiling (last seen in *Captain Atom* #9)

Amanda Waller (in between *Suicide Squad* #8 and #9)

Other Characters

President Ronald Reagan (last seen in *Captain Atom* #8; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Ms. Frost (first name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; a TV newscaster)

Janwillem Kroef's aide (first and only appearance to date)

Two attendants at Arkham Asylum (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Batman* #415; both die in this story)

Broward W. DuBois (first and only appearance to date; behind the scenes only; a citizen of Oolitic, Indiana)

KGB agents (first and only appearance to date)

A citizen of Trujillo, Peru (first and only appearance to date)

A group of Washington, D.C. newsmen (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of Washington, D.C. (last seen in *The Vigilante* #43; appear next in *Captain Atom* #13)

The citizens of Birmingham, England (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of Pretoria, South Africa (first and only appearance to date)

The citizens of Shanghai (last seen in issue #1)

Cameo Appearance

Salima Baranizar (on a viewscreen)

Synopsis

Events related to the Millennium Project proceed at a rapid pace across the globe. Even as the Manhunters monitor the progress of their agents, newscaster Tawny Young is recruited to their cause by her station manager, the Russian member of the Chosen, Nikolai Latikov, is murdered by the KGB, and Blue Beetle reports the death of Salima Baranizar to the Guardian and the Zamaron. President Reagan's public reaction to the crisis is influenced by his wife, herself a Manhunter, and at a Justice League press conference, Booster Gold accosts Harry Hadley, whom he discovers is a Manhunter assigned to watch Captain Atom.

The various super-heroes set out to bring the remaining Chosen to the Green Lantern Citadel. The Outsiders battle a corps of Manhunters in Tokyo and escape with Takeo Yakata, Infinity, Inc. picks up Betty Clawman in the Australian outback, and JLI members Batman, Mr. Miracle, and Guy Gardner fight Manhunter "sleepers" in Birmingham and depart with Celia Windward. Wonder Woman is put off by the superior attitude of her charge, Janwillem Kroef, Flash gives needed moral support to a suicidal Gregorio de la Vega, and Green Lanterns John and Katma Tui Stewart and Kilowog are attacked by a lone

Manhunter agent in Shanghai where they find Xiang Po waiting for them.

Counting the two who have been killed, this accounts for all but one of the Chosen. Unknown to all, however, a Manhunter in the guise of an Arkham Asylum doctor has freed the missing member, the Floronic Man. Then, even as the last of the other Chosen arrive in California, Tom Kalmaku and his family are discovered to be missing.

Green Lantern Corps #220
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Chris Wozniak** (Signed)
Letterer: Typography

STORY

"Sacred Identities" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciller: **Bill Willingham**
Inker: **Mark Farmer**
Letterer: **Agustin Mas**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Hal Jordan, Guy Gardner, John Stewart, Arisia, and **Kilowog** (all in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Katma Tui Stewart (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4; behind the scenes in this story)

Guest Star

Celia Windward (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Supporting Characters

Tom Kalmaku (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)
Tegra Kalmaku, Keith Kalmaku, and **Kari Kalmaku** (all in between *Millennium* #3 and #6)

Villains

Mr. Smith (last seen in *Millennium* #1; possibly destroyed in this story)
Sinestro

Guest Appearances

Betty Clawman, Janwillem Kroef, Xiang Po, Takeo Yakata, and **Gregorio de la Vega** (all in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Batman, Flash III, Martian Manhunter, Mr. Miracle, and **Wonder Woman** (all in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Black Canary, Black Lightning, Blue Beetle, Captain Atom, Geo-Force, Green Arrow, Halo, Katana, and **Looker** (all in between *Millennium* #3 and #4; all behind the scenes in this story)

Dr. Fate II (in between *Millennium* #3 and #5; behind the scenes in this story)

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (both last seen in *Millennium* #3; both behind the scenes in this story; both appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Hourman II, Jade, Mr. Bones, Obsidian, Skyman, and **Wildcat II** (all last seen in *Millennium* #3; all behind the scenes in this story; all appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #46)

Other Characters

Mr. Donahue (first appearance; dies in this story) and **other employees of Ferris Aircraft Company** (first and only appearance to date)

Joe (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; behind the scenes only; a Ferris Aircraft ground crew worker)

A Seattle air traffic controller (first and only appearance to date; as a voice only)

An Alaskan Inuit family (first and only appearance to date)

Synopsis

The Kalmaku family has disappeared from the GL Citadel, so Green Lantern Hal Jordan goes in search of them, accompanied by the cynical Celia Windward. Not finding the Kalmakus at home, they go to the Ferris Aircraft plant, where an employee, Mr. Donahue, tells GL that he witnessed Tom Kalmaku's theft of the company's Solar Jet. No sooner does Green Lantern depart than company head Mr. Smith, now known to be a Manhunter, murders Donahue, then has a plane prepared to follow GL.

Trailing the Kalmakus to Tom's and Tegra's birthplace, Alaska, Hal tries to convince his friend to rejoin the Chosen, but Tom has put his family responsibilties first, and wants no part of the Oans' plan. Before the two can argue further, Mr. Smith arrives in full Manhunter regalia, and

challenges GL to combat. They battle to the edge of space and back, and Smith appears victorious, until a rock thrown by Celia distracts the Manhunter long enough for Green Lantern to fight back and ultimately defeat him.

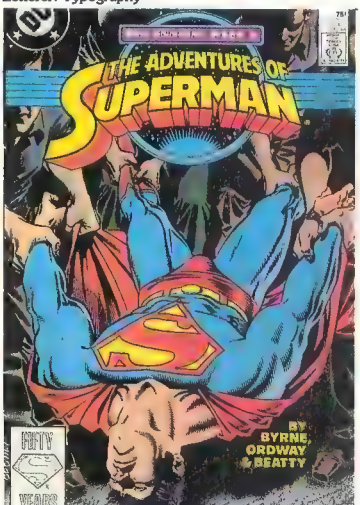
Despite her doubts of the Oans, Celia is now convinced that the Manhunters' evil must be opposed. As for Tom, he and his family agree to return with GL and Celia.

Meanwhile, Kilowog, desiring revenge for the murder of his people, confronts their killer, Sinestro, held prisoner by the Green Lanterns on the moon. Arisia follows him and fights to prevent him from murdering the renegade GL, but although Kilowog overcomes her, he regretfully refrains from executing the villain at the last moment. Arisia and Kilowog return to Earth, agreeing that Sinestro will be tried for his crimes once the Millennium Project is completed.

Adventures of Superman #436
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jerry Ordway** (Signed)
Letterer: Typography



STORY

"Junk" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Michael Carlin**
Co-plotter, scripter: **John Byrne**
Co-plotter, penciller: **Jerry Ordway**
Inker: **John Beatty**
Letterer: **Albert De Guzman**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Character

Superman (last seen in *Superman* (second series) #13; see Comment below; appears next in *Action Comics* #596)

Supporting Characters

Jonathan Kent and **Martha Kent** (both last seen in *Superman* (second series) #12; mostly behind the scenes in this story; both appear next in *Action Comics* #596)

Villains

Lana Lang (last seen in *Superman* (second series) #13; appears next in *Action Comics* #596)

Pete Ross (formal first name, Peter, and profession, county agent and notary public, revealed in this story; first appearance of Pete Ross in the post-Crisis universe; last pre-Crisis appearance of Pete Ross in *Action Comics* #572; revealed as a Manhunter agent in this story; appears next, behind the scenes, in *Action Comics* #596)

Dr. G. I. Whitney's Manhunter replacement (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; destroyed in this story; appears next, as a spirit-simulacrum, in *Action Comics* #596)

Mrs. Whitney's Manhunter replacement (first appearance; destroyed, behind the scenes, in flashback)

The younger citizens of Smallville (some last seen, behind the scenes, in *The Adventures of Superman* #430; others last seen, behind the scenes, in *Action Comics* #595; most citizens under 30 years of age revealed as Manhunter agents in this story; appear next in *Action Comics* #596)

The Manhunters (chronologically in between *Secret Origins* (second series) #22, pages 26 and 27; appear in flashback only)

Guest Appearances

Guardians of the Universe (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Annual* #2; appear in flashback only)

Five alien Green Lanterns (first appearance of all; all die in flashback)

Other Characters

Dr. G. I. Whitney (a Smallville pediatrician) and **Mrs. Whitney** (his wife; first appearance of both; both die in flashback)

Elsie (last name not revealed; first and only appearance to date; a Smallville woman; appears in flashback only)

The elder citizens of Smallville (some last seen in *The Adventures of Superman* #430; others last seen, behind the scenes, in *Action Comics* #595; including two who resemble Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton of TV's *The Honeymooners*; all appear next in *Action Comics* #596)

Cameo Appearances

Jor-El and **Lara** (in flashback)
Ronald Reagan (in a photograph)
Josiah Small (founder of Smallville; as a statue)

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Comments

Immediately preceding the events of this story, before arriving in Smallville, Superman contacts the Justice League and updates them on his situation, as is revealed by Batman's knowledge of his Metropolis encounter with Lana Lang in *Millennium* #2.

The Shuster Farm Center and Elsworth's Food Store, both Smallville businesses shown in this story, are named after original Superman artist Joe Shuster and former Superman editor Whitney Elsworth, respectively.

The flashback in this story, in which the Guardians of the Universe dispatch the Green Lantern Corps to prevent the Manhunters from capturing the infant Kal-El, presumably replaces in post-Crisis history the flashback in the second story in *Superman* #257, wherein the Guardians had Tomar-Re attempt to halt Krypton's explosion.

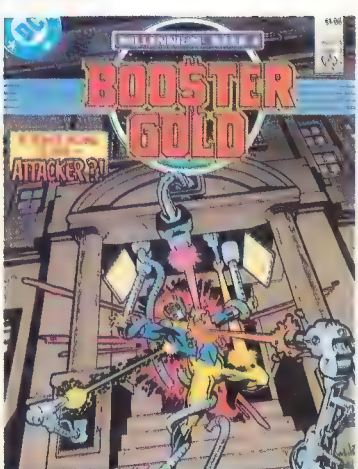
Synopsis

Unable to locate Lana Lang, now revealed as a Manhunter agent, in their childhood hometown of Smallville, Superman switches to Clark Kent and enters the town. He suspects something is wrong as he talks with his boyhood friend Pete Ross, now a county agent, and with Dr. Whitney, the elderly physician who has delivered virtually every baby born in Smallville in the last thirty years. Indeed, while Whitney distracts Clark, Pete blasts him with an alien-looking weapon. Clark is revealed as Superman and knocked unconscious, and the townspeople carry him off at Whitney's orders.

Superman comes to in a hidden Manhunter ship to find himself hanging upside-down, imprisoned in a strength-sapping device, and surrounded by Dr. Whitney, Pete, Lana, and other Smallville citizens in Manhunter costumes. Whitney reveals that there were Manhunters on the planet Krypton before its explosion, and that the Manhunters' attempt to intercept the infant Kal-El during his journey to Earth was foiled by the Guardians and their Green Lantern Corps. Later tracking the alien child to Smallville, the Manhunters infiltrated the town by having two of their number murder and replace the town doctor and his wife. Since then, the false Dr. Whitney has programmed every newborn child in Smallville as a Manhunter sleeper agent.

As the Manhunters go about their business, Superman discovers that while their devices inhibit his strength, they do not affect his super-vision or flying powers. He thus takes flight, carrying their ship with him. Believing the ship's engines to be at fault, Whitney cuts the ship's power, which frees Superman from the machine. As he closes on the Whitney android, however, it self-destructs to avoid capture. Then Superman turns in horror to observe the effect this has on Whitney's thralls.

Booster Gold #24
January 1988



Cover Credits

Artists: **Dan Jurgens** (penciller) and **Ty Templeton** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Betrayal" (22 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Barbara Randall**
Plotter, scripter, penciller: **Dan Jurgens**
Inker: **Ty Templeton**
Letterer: **Steve Haynie**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Character

Booster Gold (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Supporting Characters

Trixie Collins and **Skeets**
Mackenzie Garrison (no further appearances to date)

Villain

Dirk Davis (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Guest Appearance

Tawny Young (in between *Millennium* #3 and #5)

Other Characters

A group of Los Angeles reporters (first and only appearance to date)
The citizens of Los Angeles (last seen in *Captain Atom* #9)

Synopsis

Booster Gold returns home from a JLI press conference, congratulating himself on having uncovered the Manhun-

ter assigned to his teammate, Captain Atom. His confidence is shaken, though, when he is attacked by the automated security devices of his own mansion. Gaining entrance to his home via a trapdoor tunnel, Booster contends with further traps activated against him by a mysterious figure at a control console.

Within the mansion, Trixie Collins is shocked as a computer display informs her that Booster Gold International is bankrupt. Dirk Davis appears and reassures her that this cannot be true, just as the mansion suffers a power blackout.

Meanwhile, Booster correctly deduces that one of his staff must secretly be a Manhunter. Escaping the traps, he enters the mansion proper, and quickly confers with Trixie and Skeets. When the three confront Mackenzie Garrison, they are stunned to discover that not she, but Dirk Davis, who now appears in his Manhunter uniform, is the sleeper agent in their midst.

As Booster and the Davis Manhunter battle, Booster realizes that he has nothing to gain and everything to lose by fighting the Manhunters. He calls a halt to their fight and tells Davis that he will join the Manhunter cause.

Later, a press conference is called, at which Booster denounces the Oans and the Justice League, and announces his support of the Manhunters.

Infinity Inc. #46
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artists: **Vince Argondezzi** (penciller) and **Tony DeZuniga** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Swamped" (27 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Greg Weisman**
Plotters, scripters: **Roy Thomas** and **Dann Thomas**
Penciller: **Vince Argondezzi**
Inker: **Tony DeZuniga**
Letterer: **Jean Simek**
Colorist: **Liz Berube**

Feature Characters

Skyman, Jade, Hourman II, and **Wildcat II** (all last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; all appear next in *Millennium* #4)

Nuklon and **Brainwave** (both last seen in issue #44; both appear next in *Millennium* #5)

Obsidian (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; appears next in *Millennium* #5)

Dr. Midnight (last seen in issue #44; appears next in *Millennium* #7)

Guest Stars

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (both last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; both appear next in *Millennium* #4)

Dan Richards (last seen in *Millennium* #2)

Supporting Characters

Mr. Bones (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; appears next in *Millennium* #4)
Solomon Grundy (last seen in *Swamp Thing* #67)
Molly Mayne Scott (last seen in issue #42)

Villains

The Harlequin III (Marcie Cooper; in between *Millennium* #1 and #7)

Dr. Wetson (name misspelled "Weston" in this story; last seen in *Millennium* #3; destroyed in this story)

Floronic Man (in between *Millennium* #3 and #4)

Thor (last seen in flashback in *Secret Origins* (second series) #22; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearance

Swamp Thing (in between *Swamp Thing* #69 and #70)

Cameo Appearances

Manhunter (Paul Kirk)

Green Lantern (Alan Scott)

Captain Carrot, Pig-Iron, and **Mickey Mouse** (as toys)

David Bowie and **Arnold Schwarzenegger** (on movie posters)

Synopsis

Todd Rice is visiting his new girlfriend Marcie Cooper when, to his astonishment, she reveals that she is actually a Manhunter, and has stolen Molly Mayne Scott's special

glasses and adopted a costumed identity as the new Harlequin. When she attempts to recruit Todd to the Manhunters' side, he quickly departs in anger and disgust.

Shortly afterward, Dan Richards, formerly the superhero called Manhunter, who is also Marcie's grandfather, is visiting Molly. Marcie shows up in her Harlequin identity and attacks them, aided by Richards's dog Thor, which is revealed as a Manhunter-created robot. It was Richards himself who had first involved Marcie with the Manhunters, unaware until now of their true, evil intentions. Thor is destroyed as Dan and Molly escape in her car, but Marcie uses the Harlequin's illusion-casting powers to cause them to crash.

The next morning, at a scheduled Infinity Inc. meeting, a projected image of Herupa Hando Hu and Nadia Safir appears and petitions the group to seek out the Floronic Man, the last of the Chosen, who has escaped from Arkham Asylum with the aid of a Manhunter. Then Obsidian stuns the team with his announcement of Marcie's true identity.

A short time later finds four of the teammates and their charge, Mr. Bones, in the Louisiana bayous, where they find the Floronic Man and the Manhunter who had posed as Dr. Wetson, an Arkham Asylum staff member. To his surprise, Obsidian is easily overcome by the bogus doctor, while Jade finds her power ineffective against the Floronic Man.

Hourman, Wildcat, and Bones come to Obsidian's rescue, and the Manhunter is destroyed in their battle. Jade, however, is in serious trouble, until Solomon Grundy, who had recently gone missing from Infinity's headquarters, suddenly appears and begins battling the plant-man. Eventually, Jade is forced to use her power against Grundy to prevent him from killing Woodrue. The companions then return to Los Angeles with both Grundy and Woodrue in tow.

Millennium #4
January 1988 (Week 4)

Cover Credits

Artists: **Joe Staton** (penciller) and **Bruce Patterson** (inker) (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

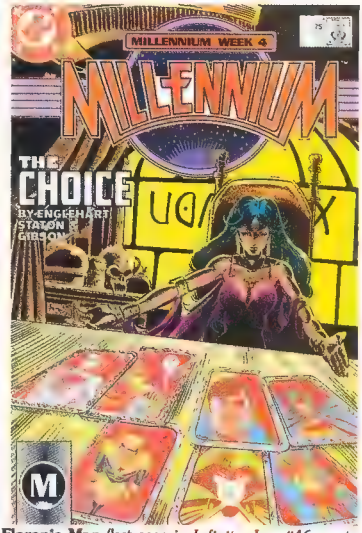
"Forth" (23 pages)

Credits

Editor: **Andrew Helfer**
Plotter, scripter: **Steve Englehart**
Penciller: **Joe Staton**
Inker: **Ian Gibson**
Letterer: **Bob Lappan**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir** (both last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #46; next chronological appearance of both in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)



Floronic Man (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #46; next chronological appearance in the first story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Tom Kalmaku, Celia Windward, Xiang Po, Betty Clawman, Janwillem Kroef, Gregorio de la Vega, and **Takeo Yakata** (all last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; next chronological appearance of all in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Guest Stars

Arisia, Flash III, Guy Gardner, Hal Jordan, Kilowog, Martian Manhunter, Mr. Miracle, and **Wonder Woman** (all last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; next chronological appearance of all, behind the scenes, in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Batman (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; appears next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Black Canary, Black Lightning, Blue Beetle, Geo-Force, Green Arrow, Halo, Katana, and **Looker** (all last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; next chronological appearance of all, behind the scenes, in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Booster Gold (last seen in *Booster Gold* #24; appears next in issue #6)

Bronze Tiger, Captain Boomerang, Deadshot, Karin Grace, Privateer, and **Rick Flag** (all in between *Suicide Squad* #8 and #9)

Captain Atom (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; appears next in *Suicide Squad* #9)

Driq (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #219)

Firestorm (last seen in *Firestorm* (second series) #67; appears next in *Suicide Squad* #9)

Harbinger

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Hourman II, Jade, Mr. Bones, Skyman, and **Wildcat II** (all last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #46; next chronological appearance of all, behind the scenes, in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

John Stewart (last seen in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; next chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Katma Tui Stewart (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Green Lantern Corps* #220; next chronological appearance in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)

Madame Xanadu (last seen in *Suicide Squad* #8; appears next in *The Spectre* (second series) #11)

Slipknot (last seen in *Firestorm Annual* #5; appears next in *Suicide Squad* #9)

Spectre (in between *The Spectre* (second series) #9 and #10)

Villains

The Grandmaster

The Manhunters (some appear next in *Suicide Squad* #9, *Detective Comics* #582, and *The Spectre* (second series) #10; others appear next in Blue Beetle #21; still others appear next in issue #7)

Bernard Ferguson (in between *Firestorm* (second series) #67 and #68)

Dirk Davis (last seen in *Booster Gold* #24; appears next, behind the scenes, in issue #6)

Harry Hadley (appears next in *Captain Atom* #11)

A bearded Manhunter (last seen in issue #1; appears next, behind the scenes, in *The Spectre* (second series) #10)

A Manhunter with a punk haircut (last seen in issue #1; appears next in issue #6)

Guest Appearances

Wade Eiling (appears next in *Captain Atom* #11)

John Economos (in between *Suicide Squad* #3 and #9)

Jim Corrigan and **Kim Liang** (both last seen in *Suicide Squad* #8; both appear next in *The Spectre* (second series) #10)

Other Characters

A Louisiana boatman (first and only appearance to date)

The Manhunters' prisoners (first appearance; appear next in *Detective Comics* #582)

Cameo Appearances

Superman, Tawny Young, President Ronald Reagan, and **Commissoner Gordon's Manhunter replacement**

Synopsis

With the capture of the Floronic Man, all eight of the surviving Chosen have finally arrived at the Green Lantern Citadel.

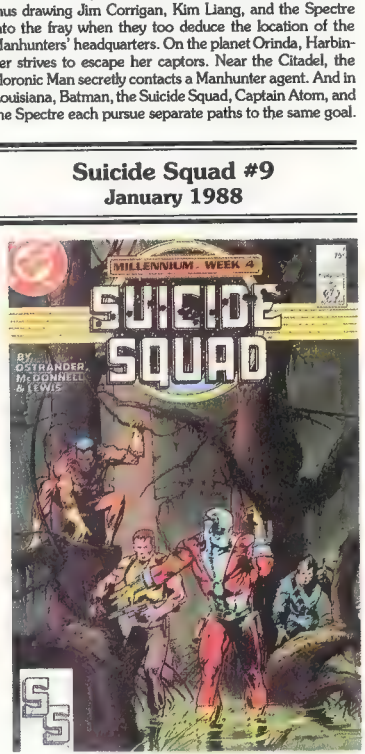
Batman, however, is dissatisfied with the heroes' lack of success so far in foiling the Manhunters. Recalling Mark Shaw, the Manhunter who once battled the Justice League, he discovers a connection: Shaw is currently incarcerated at Belle Reve Prison, which is located in the same Louisiana bayou where the Floronic Man had been captured. Immediately, the Caped Crusader jets to Louisiana where, at that moment, the Manhunters are gathered in a secret stronghold. The recently converted Firestorm is also among them, and when word of his presence reaches General Eiling, he dispatches Captain Atom to contend with the Nuclear Man.

Back at the GL Citadel, the Guardian and the Zamaron offer the Chosen a final chance to change their minds about their participation in the Millennium Project. When none decline, the Oans begin their instruction.

At Belle Reve, however, a different meeting is taking place, a briefing of the Suicide Squad, which has just been assigned to find and destroy the nearby Manhunter base. No sooner does the Squad, including Mark Shaw in his Privateer identity, depart than Batman arrives, to be told by the warden that Shaw has served his time and has been released. The Darknight Detective is not deceived, and proceeds to track Shaw and the Squad into the swamp.

In New York, a Manhunter attacks Madame Xanadu, thus drawing Jim Corrigan, Kim Liang, and the Spectre into the fray when they too deduce the location of the Manhunters' headquarters. On the planet Orinda, Harbinger strives to escape her captors. Near the Citadel, the Floronic Man secretly contacts a Manhunter agent. And in Louisiana, Batman, the Suicide Squad, Captain Atom, and the Spectre each pursue separate paths to the same goal.

Suicide Squad #9
January 1988



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Cover Credits

Artist: **Jerry Bingham**
Letterer: Typography

STORY

"The Final Price" (22 pages)

Credits

Editor: **Robert Greenberger**
Plotter, scripter: **John Ostrander**
Penciller: **Luke McDonnell**
Inker: **Bob Lewis**
Letterers: **Todd Klein** (pages 1–11 only) and **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Julianna Ferriter**

Feature Characters

Rick Flag, Bronze Tiger, Captain Boomerang, Deadshot, Slipknot, and **Privateer** (all last seen in *Millennium* #4; all appear behind the scenes in *Captain Atom* #11, *Detective Comics* #582, and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story)

Karin Grace (last seen in *Millennium* #4; also appears in flashback, which occurs following the flashback in *Secret Origins* (second series) #14 and preceding issue #1; appears in *Detective Comics* #582 in between pages 19 and 20 of this story; also appears behind the scenes in *Captain Atom* #11 and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story; revealed as a Manhunter agent and dies in this story)

Guest Stars

Captain Atom and **Firestorm** (both last seen in *Millennium* #4; both appear next in *Captain Atom* #11)

Supporting Characters

Amanda Waller (last seen in *Millennium* #3)
John Economos (last seen in *Millennium* #4)

Villains

The Manhunters (last seen in *Millennium* #4; also appear in *Detective Comics* #582 and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story; many destroyed in this story)

Mark Shaw's Manhunter replacement (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; also appears in flashback, which occurs preceding that appearance; destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Batman and **Jim Corrigan** (both behind the scenes, as revealed in *Detective Comics* #582)

Captain Atom and **Firestorm** (both behind the scenes, as revealed in *Captain Atom* #11)

Spectre (behind the scenes, as revealed in *The Spectre* (second series) #10)

Other Character

"Duchess" (nickname revealed in next issue; first appearance)

Comment

The cover of this issue combines with the covers of *Captain Atom* #11, *Detective Comics* #582, and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 to form a single scene.

Synopsis

The Suicide Squad, with the Bronze Tiger in command, arrives at the Manhunter temple in the Louisiana bayou which they have been assigned to destroy, and encounters Captain Atom, who has been sent on a similar mission. When the Captain learns that the bomb contained in the Squad's "Baby Huey" vehicle is an experimental Xyzedium explosive, he realizes that, unknown to all but Colonel Flag, the blast will destroy not only the enemy base, but the Squad members themselves, before they can get clear of the area. He decides to accompany them and attempt to absorb the force of the explosion, but Firestorm, now a Manhunter pawn, appears overhead, and Captain Atom leaves the group to battle him.

Before the Squad can reach the Manhunter stronghold, however, a detachment of the androids emerges to battle them. Slipknot attempts to desert and has his arm destroyed by the explosive bracelet each Squad member wears. A hard-fought skirmish ends as the Bronze Tiger is injured and Karin Grace is abducted by a Manhunter. Leaving the Tiger behind, Flag takes charge and storms the temple to complete the mission.

After Deadshot and Captain Boomerang are cut off by enemy forces, Flag and the Privateer find Karin and rescue her, and Flag is astounded to learn that Karin is herself a Manhunter agent. As she holds him at gunpoint, she explains how, while recuperating after the final mission of the previous Suicide Squad team, she met and fell in love with Mark Shaw, who inducted her into the Manhunters. The next second, it is Karin's turn to be astonished, as the Privateer claims that he is not the Mark Shaw she knew, and quickly disarms her. Then a costumed Manhunter appears, and claims to be the real Shaw, while the Privateer is merely an android.

The Manhunter then knocks Flag and the Privateer unconscious, and instructs Karin to kill them. She hesitates at the memory of her former romance with Flag, and before she can act, her Manhunter ally begins to fall apart, and is thus revealed as an android. All over the temple grounds, the other Manhunters also fall apart, one by one. (Although the Squad members are mystified as to the cause of the androids' destruction, it is due to the invisible machinations of the Spectre.) Ordering Shaw to take the still-unconscious Flag to safety, Karin, now realizing how she had been duped, pilots the explosive-filled "Baby Huey" into the centre of the Manhunter base, where it crashes, pinning her and the Mark Shaw android beneath it.

Outside, the other Squad members rendezvous with the Tiger. Just as Flag recovers and realizes what has happened, the bomb explodes, totally destroying the temple. (Unknown to the Squad, Captain Atom and Firestorm, who have now joined forces, have prevented the blast from killing the team.)

Captain Atom #11
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jerry Bingham**
Letterer: Typography

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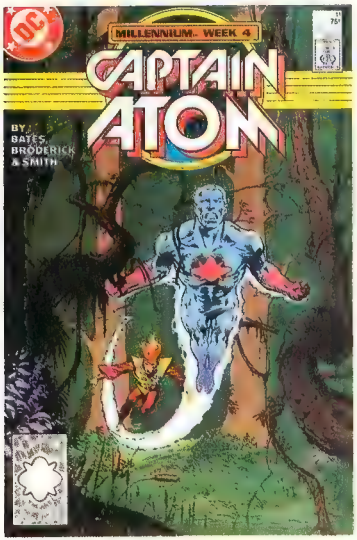

STORY

"A Matter of Choice" (22 pages)

Credits

Editor: **Denny O'Neil**
Plotters, scripters: **Cary Bates** and **Greg Weisman**
Penciller: **Pat Broderick**
Inker: **Bob Smith**
Letterer: **Duncan Andrews**
Colorist: **Nansi Hoolahan**

Feature Character

Captain Atom (last seen in *Suicide Squad* #9; appears behind the scenes in *Detective Comics* #582 and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story; appears next in *Millennium* #5)

Guest Star

Firestorm (last seen in *Suicide Squad* #9; appears behind the scenes in *Detective Comics* #582 and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story; appears next in *Millennium* #5)

Supporting Character

Wade Eiling (last seen in *Millennium* #4)

Villain

Harry Hadley (last seen in *Millennium* #4; dies in this story)

Guest Appearances

Batman and **Jim Corrigan** (both behind the scenes, as revealed in *Detective Comics* #582)

Bronze Tiger, Captain Boomerang, Deadshot, Karin Grace, Privateer, Rick Flag, and **Slipknot** (all behind the scenes, as revealed in *Suicide Squad* #9)

Spectre (behind the scenes, as revealed in *The Spectre* (second series) #10)

Other Characters

Dwight (last name not revealed; a WGTV programming director), **a WGTV talk show hostess,** and **her camera crew** (first and only appearance of all to date)

G. Gordon Liddy (first and only appearance to date; behind the scenes only)

Mr. and **Mrs. Adam** (Nathaniel Adam's parents; appear in flashback only)

Cameo Appearances

Thomas and **Pynser** (two Air Force veterans) and **an Air Force lieutenant** (as characters in Captain Atom's fictitious narrative)

Randy and **Peggy Adam Eiling** (as children and as adults)

Tod Donner (in flashback to issue #3)

Comment

The cover of this issue combines with the covers of *Suicide Squad* #9, *Detective Comics* #582, and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 to form a single scene.

Synopsis

In the Louisiana bayou, Captain Atom confronts Firestorm for the third time. Convinced that the Manhunters are his creators and masters, the newly reborn Firestorm engages his fellow super-hero in combat and encloses both in a containment sphere. Captain Atom knows he has only a short time to convince Firestorm that he has been duped. As Atom learned when he enountered them moments earlier in the swamp, the Suicide Squad intends to detonate a bomb in the Manhunter base, and the explosion it will create could destroy the Squad members themselves, as well as their target.

By relating how his father cured his childhood fear of flying by taking him up in an open plane, Captain Atom tries to make the Nuclear Man realize that the Manhunters' goals are evil. However, when he relates a second tale, a supposed earlier exploit of his super-hero career, to further prove his point, Firestorm knows he is lying, since he is aware that Captain Atom's "secret career" is a sham invented by the government.

Elsewhere, Manhunter Harry Hadley is about to take the Captain's place on a TV talk show to reveal his secrets to the world, when General Eiling confronts him. When Hadley pulls a weapon, Eiling shoots and kills him.

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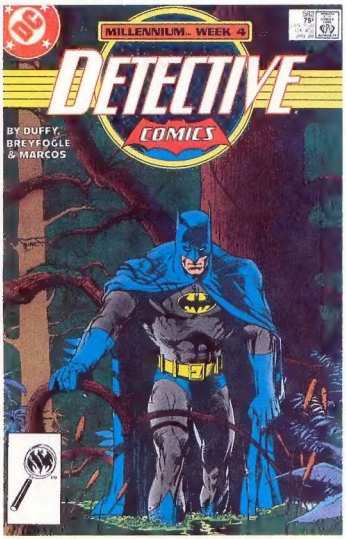
In a last-ditch effort to change Firestorm's allegiance, Captain Atom tells the whole truth about his origins, and this time his opponent believes him and decides to trust him. Acting in tandem, Captain Atom and Firestorm absorb and transmute the energies released by the Suicide Squad's bomb, thus saving the lives not only of the Squad members, but of Batman and Jim Corrigan, who have also located the Manhunter base.

Detective Comics #582
January 1988

Cover Credits

Artist: **Jerry Bingham**
Letterer: Typography



STORY

"Sole Survivor" (22 pages)

Credits

Editor: **Denny O'Neil**
Plotter, scripter: **Jo Duffy**
Penciller: **Norm Breyfogle**
Inker: **Pablo Marcos**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Adienne Roy**

Feature Character

Batman (in between *Millennium* #4 and #5; appearance on page 14 same as *The Spectre* (second series) #10, page 15; appears behind the scenes in *Captain Atom* #11 and *Suicide Squad* #9 during this story; appears in *The Spectre* (second series) #10, page 21 in between page 20, panels 4 and 5; also disguised as "Mr. Morrison" in this story)

Guest Star

Jim Corrigan (appearance on page 14 same as *The Spectre* (second series) #10, page 15; appears behind the scenes in *Captain Atom* #11 and *Suicide Squad* #9 during this story; appears in *The Spectre* (second series) #10, page 21 in between page 20, panels 4 and 5; appears next in *Millennium* #5)

Supporting Characters

Robin (in between *Batman* #415 and #417)
Commissioner Gordon (last seen in *Batman* #414; also appears in flashback; next chronological appearance in the second story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #23)
Alfred Pennyworth (last seen in *Batman* #415)

Villains

Commissioner Gordon's Manhunter replacement (last chronological appearance, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; appears in flashback; next chronological appearance in *Millennium* #2; head only appears, following the Manhunter's destruction in *Batman* #415, and is destroyed in this story)
Liu (last seen, behind the scenes, in *Millennium* #1; revealed as a Manhunter and destroyed in this story)
Nancy Reagan (in between *Millennium* #3 and #5)
The Manhunters (last seen in *Millennium* #4; also appear in *Suicide Squad* #9 and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 during this story; many destroyed in this story)

Guest Appearances

Karin Grace (in between *Suicide Squad* #9, pages 19 and 20)
Kim Liang (last seen in *The Spectre* (second series) #10; appears next in *Millennium* #5)
Bronze Tiger, Captain Boomerang, Deadshot, Privateer, Slipknot, and **Rick Flag** (all behind the scenes, as revealed in *Suicide Squad* #9)
Captain Atom and **Firestorm** (both behind the scenes, as revealed in *Captain Atom* #11)
Spectre (behind the scenes, as revealed in *The Spectre* (second series) #10)

Other Characters

Rosenfeld (first appearance; a U.S. Naval Intelligence agent; dies in this story; see second Comment below)
The Manhunters' prisoners (last seen in *Millennium* #4; appear in *The Spectre* (second series) #10, page 21 in between page 20, panels 4 and 5; no further appearances to date)

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President Ronald Reagan (in between *Millennium* #3 and #5)

Riley (first appearance; a Gotham City police officer; dies behind the scenes in this story)

Alistair (first appearance; a U.S. Naval Intelligence agent and Rosenfeld's partner; dies behind the scenes preceding this story)

Garibaldi (first appearance; a U.S. Naval Intelligence agent; dies behind the scenes preceding this story)

A New Orleans motel clerk (first and only appearance to date)

Gotham City police officers (chronologically in between *Batman* #414 and #415; behind the scenes in flashback only)

Cameo Appearances

Hanna and **Madigan** (two U.S. Naval Intelligence agents; in photograph)

Herupa Hando Hu and **Nadia Safir**

Tom Kalmaku, Celia Windward, Xiang Po, Gregorio de la Vega, Floronic Man, Janwillem Kroef, Takeo Yakata, and **Betty Clawman**

Comments

The cover of this issue combines with the covers of *Captain Atom* #11, *Suicide Squad* #9, and *The Spectre* (second series) #10 to form a single scene.

This story introduces the code-named members of Commissioner Gordon's former Naval Intelligence unit. Besides Gordon, whose codename was Nugent, the agents were called Madigan, Hanna, Garibaldi, Liu, and Rosenfeld. Madigan and Hanna, the group's lone distaff member, are revealed to have been killed on a mission in Egypt a few years previous. Garibaldi is killed behind the scenes in this story, Liu proves to be a Manhunter and is destroyed in this story, and Rosenfeld is killed by the Liu Manhunter, leaving Gordon as the "sole survivor" of the title. Alistair, another codenamed agent who is killed behind the scenes, is not a former member of Gordon's unit.

Synopsis

Receiving an urgent summons from a member of his former Naval Intelligence unit, Commisioner Gordon, leaving a note explaining his absence, departs Gotham City for Louisiana. Unknown to him, he is immediately replaced by an android double, who destroys all evidence of the absence of the real Gordon.

Some time later, after Batman and Robin have uncovered and destroyed the robot double (as seen in *Batman* #415), Batman decides to journey to Louisiana as well, not only to find Gordon, but to trace Mark Shaw, the former Manhunter agent whom he had earlier failed to locate there.

Gordon arrives in New Orleans, and is met and briefed by agent Liu, one of his former comrades. Two agents have died trying to retrieve agent Rosenfeld, who possesses vital information which he is unwilling to divulge to anyone but Gordon, his former teammate. No sooner does Gordon check into his motel than he is contacted by a disguised Batman, who brings him up to date on how a Manhunter impersonated him in his absence. Both now realize that the menace about which Rosenfeld wants to warn them is that of the Manhunters and their plan to replace key people with their own android operatives.

When Rosenfeld contacts Gordon, the latter is trailed to Rosenfeld's hideaway by Liu, who is actually a Manhunter, and who is followed by Batman. In the ensuing melee, the Manhunter is destroyed, but Rosenfeld is fatally wounded.

Leaving the Commissioner to care for the dying agent, Batman scouts the area and discovers first a Manhunter who seems to have fallen apart spontaneously, then private detective Jim Corrigan and his secretary Kim Liang, who have also come to Louisiana in pursuit of the Manhunters. Kim is sent to aid Gordon, while Corrigan accompanies Batman into the swamp, where the Manhunters are reported to be holding human prisoners at a secret base.

In the bayou, Batman and Corrigan make their way to the Manhunter temple, where they find scores of Manhunters mysteriously deactivated. (Unknown to them, this is the work of the Spectre.) While Corrigan locates the hostages, but is prevented by Manhunter forces from freeing them, Batman encounters Karin Grace of the Suicide Squad, who is determined to destroy the base with an experimental explosive (as seen in *Suicide Squad* #9). Unable to dissuade her, Batman leaves to help Corrigan rescue the prisoners. Fortunately, the remainder of the Manhunters appear to self-destruct (again, the unseen handiwork of the Spectre), and Batman, Corrigan, and the others escape, just as Grace's bomb explodes, destroying the temple. (The explosion does not kill Batman, Corrigan, the Manhunters' prisoners, or the other members of the Suicide Squad, who are also nearby, due to the efforts of Firestorm and Captain Atom, as seen in *Captain Atom* #11).

Meanwhile, back in town, both Commissioner Gordon and Kim Liang fail to understand the dying words of agent Rosenfeld, that the White House itself has been infiltrated by a Manhunter, in the person of the President's wife, Nancy Reagan.

A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE INDEX TO COMIC BOOKS PUBLISHED BY DC COMICS INC.

This is the eighth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of the index devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title — notably, Superman and Batman — will have a separate series of the index devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another — such as Legion of Super-Heroes, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing the name of the feature — we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, whereas *Teen Titans Index* begins with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

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It usually takes many people to produce a comic book cover, from conception and design through coloring and production, and it is impossible to credit them all. The Artist, responsible for the basic execution of the cover, does the lion's share of the work. If more than one artist works on a cover, some usually pencil and the others usually ink. The artist sometimes works from someone else's layout or design, and sometimes someone else touches up or redraws parts of the picture. Design work, layouts, touch-ups, and other ancillary work are not usually credited in the Cover Credits.

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STORY INFORMATION

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the index. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the index corrects them wherever possible.

CHARACTERS

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

CHRONOLOGY

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parentheses. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *Superman Index*, not in *Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is know as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when — what year or even what decade — a story took place.

A PERSONAL NOTE

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succint prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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